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Past President Croft Taylor, VE3CT (right) is presenting the 80-year service award to Charter Member Frank Lester, W4AMJ. Frank is one of two remaining charter members of QCWA. Our congratulations to Frank on this occasion.

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# From the President

John Johnston, W3BE



## It's Hamfest Time!

There are far too many of our fellow 25-year plus amateur operators out there who have not yet had the opportunity to learn exactly what it is that our Quarter Century Wireless Association has to offer. Amazingly, there are some who have never even heard of our unique organization. This unfortunate situation is something that your Chapter can help to improve.

One of the best, if not the best, ways for your Chapter to make contact with the uninformed is to fly our banner at a QCWA welcome booth at every hamfest in your area. Practically all hamfest sponsors will provide your Chapter with free table space. Just work with them in letting them know of your intention well ahead of time. Last-minute requests can add greatly to the pressure under which most hamfest committees must work.

Several weeks before the hamfest, contact our General Manager at qcwagm@rcn.com to request a CARE package. You will receive a box of the supplies you will need for your table.

Place your Chapter's gold-and-blue old timer banner at the rear of the booth at a level high enough to be seen even when your representatives are standing in front of it. Angle it so that it can be seen immediately upon entering the exhibit area. Place an information poster containing our message positioned front and center in your booth. List the name, call sign and address for each nearby chapter's contact person. Another popular addition to your booth is a self-standing photo display. Post interesting photos from your recent field trips and meetings. You want to illustrate that your Chapter is a lot of fun.

Have on hand a supply of QCWA membership application forms. Do not offer them as general handouts. Make these forms available to only qualified amateur operators wishing to join on the spot. Refer those visitors requesting a copy to take home, to our qcwa.org web site. Experience has shown that practically all of the forms taken home are discarded.

### ABOUT OUR BANNER

At your next Chapter meeting, please take a close look at that phrase on our QCWA Banner: "Founded in 1947." It was on December 5, 1947, to be precise. A few weeks earlier, during a Friday evening 10-meter round table, six of the group decided there was a need to for an organization to promote friendship and cooperation among amateur operators who have been licensed for at least 25 years. Charter Memberships were offered until the end of the year 1947, at which time there were 54.

Of those 54 Charter Members, only Frank Lester, Member #13, now W4AMJ, and Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, Member #23, are still with us. Frank is credited with suggesting the name of our organization: The QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION. He now lives in Venice, FL, and attends the meetings of our Suncoast Chapter #53 in Sarasota. Ralph lives in New Jersey and lays claim to have held his call sign longer than anyone else. He is probably correct. He was issued 2CVF in 1922.

Why 25 years? Maybe they came to realize that it takes about that long in ham radio before the light comes on and one realizes that ham radio is not just about radios. It is more about those wonderful hams who make ours the greatest hobby in the World.

Now, let's do a bit of arithmetic: Licensing only started in

1912. To have been hams for 25 years in 1947, therefore, means that they had to have been first licensed sometime between 1912 and 1922. They stuck with it through the great depression. They were off the air during World War II. So, at best, their actual experience was somewhere between 21 and 31 years. Most of us beat that record.

But they were there during the formative years of our amateur service, when much of what we now consider to be traditional took shape. They had the foresight to recognize the need for our organization. Practically all of what we take for granted today as good amateur practice came from them. So, we are indebted to our founders, to our Charter Members, and to the thirty-three thousand plus of our latter-day members who have helped make our Quarter Century Wireless Association the proud organization that it is. You are the greatest.

### CHAPTER VISITS

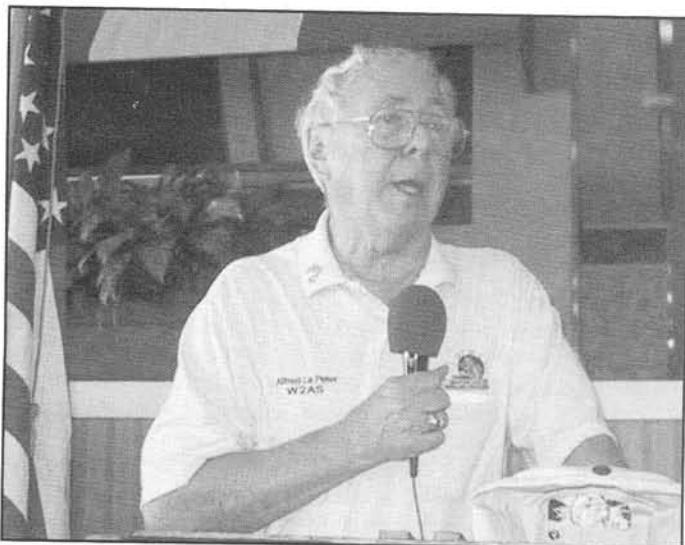
Recent visits with our Chapters include Vic Clark Chapter #91, Northern Virginia; Pelican Chapter #128, St. Petersburg, FL; Edison Chapter #196, Ft. Meyer, FL; Andy Clark Chapter #12, Miami, FL (Photo below - Art Rauch W4YZ, flying our banner at the Tropical Hamboree), and Citrus Chapter #45, Orlando, FL. (Photo 2 - Al La Peter, W2AS, presiding at a meeting of our Citrus Chapter #45 in Orlando) Also, a presentation about our QCWA was given to the Historical Electronic Museum Amateur Radio Club near the Baltimore-Washington Airport.

Now, let's all get on with promoting friendship and coopera-



Art Rauch, W4YZ at the Miami Tropical Hamboree.

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*Al La Peter, W2AS, presiding at a meeting of our Citrus Chapter #45.*

tion among amateur operators who were licensed at least one quarter of a century ago. Let your Standing Committee Chairs know what's on your mind.

**W3BE**

## **QCWA Hamvention Banquet**

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## **W4GXZ and The World Series!**

News that the Red Sox won the World Series this past year was received with joy throughout all New England. And one of our Directors, Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, was on hand when the World Series trophy rolled into Springfield, MA in February to be on display at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Blanche, a lifetime Red Sox fan, was born the year before the last World Series win by the Red Sox. Her story was picked up by a local newspaper, "The Republican" in Springfield, MA, who ran the photo of Blanche and the trophy. Next to the trophy is the ball caught for the final out of the series.

# GENERAL MANAGER'S

Report

Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD



## Summer 2005

Winter is begrudgingly leaving New England. The Boston Weather Bureau listed last winter's season as the fourth snowiest on record. Buds are showing on the trees, and the calendar is saying "Dayton"! Dayton is our major source of new members. That is not to say that support of the local hamfests is not important. It is. When you promote QCWA at local meetings/hamfests, you are at the "grass root" level. These are the members you see around town. These are the ones on the local repeater. These are the ones who will attend your local QCWA meeting and help make everything work. These are your resources. Let me know ahead of your hamfests with as much time as possible to prepare, and I'll send you a package of QCWA applications and other items to make your hamfest table as attractive as possible.

We are still being plagued by occasional mailing problems – and each problem seems to be different! It's most important that you keep headquarters informed of changes in both your address and call sign. That is the best way for you to be sure your Journal and other mailings from headquarters will arrive at the correct location. That includes you members who move each spring and fall! Let us know as soon as possible so the address can be changed before the next mailing.

Chapter reports and photos are being submitted satisfactorily to the editor and me. Just be sure to include the chapter number in the file name for both text and photos. That gives a check between the two when putting the pages together.

You might notice that the SK list seems exceptionally long this issue. We are cooperating with a member of OOTC (Bill Wellborn, K4CLA) who is researching different databases and providing headquarters with SK dates for a number of hams/call signs. These call signs are checked against our membership list and when we find a match, we then remove them from the database. In every case, these are members who have not renewed for many years but had never been previously identified as an SK. This has helped reduce the file size that we maintain on the computer. Our thanks to Bill for his effort.

Thanks to all of you who stopped at the QCWA booth at Dayton. It was a pleasure meeting and talking with you.

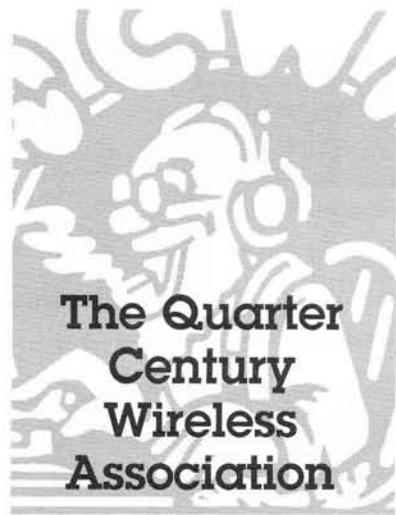
Chuck, K1IGD



## DAYTON, QUICK LOOK

Dayton was a busy place again this year. Shown in the photo are those who helped at the booth. Left to right: Janet Walbridge, Headquarters office staff; Bob, NOUF, Vice-President; Chuck, K1IGD, General Manager; John, W3BE, President. There were 46 new members and 31 renewals. One hundred eighty five members signed in at the booth. Thanks to all who stopped by and to all those not shown who contributed their time to make the QCWA booth a success! Thanks to Ray Johnson, K5RJ, for the photo.

Our major advertiser, **ICOM America**, introduced a new rig, this year, the IC-7000. This is a multi-band (HF/VHF/UHF) all mode transceiver with many digital features. Not yet available but keep an eye out for an exceptional rig.



## The Quarter Century Wireless Association

**The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.** was founded December 5, 1947, as a non-commercial association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment and advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare.

QCWA is an incorporated association without capital stock chartered under the laws of the State of New York, and is a tax exempt 501(C)3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Its affairs are governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the general membership.

In order to qualify for membership in QCWA one must have demonstrable proof of having been first licensed as an Amateur Radio operator at least 25 years prior to application for membership and must be currently licensed. Membership inquiries and general correspondence should be addressed to the business office at P.O. Box 3247, Framingham, MA 01705-3247 U.S.A. Telephone: 508-405-1930 FAX: 508-405-1965



QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# Don't Forget!

## We Need Volunteers for the 2006 QCWA Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee needs volunteers for the 2006 QCWA Board of Directors. Here is your opportunity to participate in the future of our Association. This slate of candidates will be voted on in the summer of 2006 and assume their duties September 1, 2006.

The requirements for the volunteers are: must be a member in good standing for at least two years, must have email or fax equipment and attend all Board meetings. Some personal travel will be required at your own expense. This is not a paid position, but some expenses involving postage and phone calls can be reimbursed.

We have a limited amount of time to complete the slate of candidates for the election. If you want to volunteer, please send a brief biographical resume to the Committee at the address shown below by June 30, 2005. If you have any questions or want to recommend someone, please feel free to write, email or call.

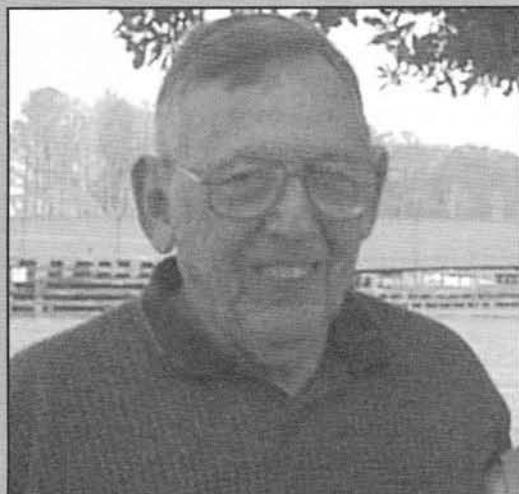
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## "The Face behind the Fist."



QCWA CW Net Control Ben Russel/N6SL. Photo by Dave Johnson/AD5MH.

# *2005 QCWA Service Awards*

## 75 YEARS

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John Marshall, WOJM*

## 80 YEARS

*Frank Lester, W4AMJ  
Earle Fairbanks, W1WG*

## 85 YEARS

*Charles "Con" Concannon, K4RQ\**

*Congratulations to all these members on these significant awards!*



*\* These members became SKs before awards could be presented*

## *A few special stories about some of our 2005 QCWA Service Award winners!*

### **W3AOA ACHIEVES 75 YEARS AS LICENSED AMATEUR**

On April 30, 2005 at a luncheon attended by many QCWA Chapter 166 members and friends, Jim Faries, W3AOA, was presented with a QCWA plaque commemorating 75 years of continuous licensing as an amateur radio operator (see accompanying photo).

Jim's interest in radio began when he was about 12 years old in Swarthmore, PA. He began listening to shortwave broadcasts on a DeForest receiver with a top-mounted rotatable antenna. He would note station ID's and programs he heard and send that information to the broadcast stations who would, in return, send him "station stamps" which he avidly collected.

One day he heard some CW signals that were so strong they could only be from a local station. He hopped on his bicycle, rode to the post office, and asked the postmaster, "Where's the Ham?" The post office directed him to a local amateur, who introduced Jim to the hobby and helped him get on the air and licensed in 1929 as W3AOA.

Jim's first rig was a Pilot Wasp kit-built receiver and a homebrew transmitter based on a single tube, Hartley self-excited oscillator circuit. Jim continued his radio interests in college with the Penn State Club Station and during WWII as Communications Officer aboard the USS California. Later he built his own "big gun" station with a kilowatt transmitter, 70-ft tower, and an extensive antenna system.

Today, Jim and his wife, Alice, reside in a fourth floor apartment in a retirement community in Wawa, PA (near Philadelphia).



*Jim Faries, W3AOA (LEFT), recognized for 75 years as a continuously licensed operator from Chapter 166 Secretary Joe Potts, WA3UMX.*

Although he no longer runs a gallon on the HF bands, Jim is active every day on 2-meters and on Saturdays he is patched into a regular 40-meter ragchew net where he keeps up with his friends around the country.

Congratulations, Jim!

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### **PRESENTATION OF CLETE DUNN, W1DIT, AWARD**

On Feb. 23rd Rich Monahan, K1FPP and Tony Perrone, W1CGI, visited Clete Dunn, W1DIT, to present him with his 75 -year award. He was very pleased to see us. We made the presentation and then interviewed Clete about his past Amateur Radio and Working History . Here is an account of that interview:

Clete was first licensed in 1930 at Eau Claire, Wisconsin as W9DIT. When he was 14 or 15 his dad would tap out cw with silverware at the kitchen table, and he got interested in amateur radio. When constructing his first



On February 23rd Rich Monahan, K1FPP (not pictured) and Tony Perrone, W1CGI (right), visited Clete Dunn, W1DIT, to present him with his 75 -year award.

transmitter, Clete went down to the junkyard and stripped the junk cars of the copper gas lines, so he could wind the coils for home-brew rigs. His dad asked, "What are you doing with all that copper tubing"? His dad thought that Clete was making a "still".

His homebrew transmitter was a self-exciter oscillator with either a 199 or a 201A tube. His dad said that he should go and get his license. The licensing was at the broadcasting station WTAQ in Chicago, Ill. He passed his test and was given the call W9DIT. Clete then attended the University of Wisconsin, and studied electronics due to his ham license. He also attended the University of Illinois. He joined in the Army Reserve and they sent him to radar school. He was a private and wound up teaching radar. He also took an extension course in electromagnetic. He received the highest mark in the radar course.

Later he was asked to work for Columbia University in New York City, in the field-engineering group. He received many awards for his accomplishments. He started working at the Underwater Sound Laboratory in 1946 as a field engineer. He retired in 1990. At that time he was Head of Submarine Communications Department. While Head of

the Department he was in charge of a test facility on Fishers Island; nicknamed "Dunns Dungeon". It was a 75 ft. diameter Pool of water one foot deep. It had a grounding strap system like the spokes of a wheel. It had a periscope up through the center and all the test equipment in a concrete room below.

#### CHAPTER 38 PRESENTS 75-YEAR AWARD TO W5BGE

The QCWA 75-Year Award was presented to Sean Davis, W5BGE, at the regular monthly meeting of San Antonio Chapter 38 on February 26, 2005. At the request of Chapter President, Bill Minton, AA5HL, an introduction of the recipient and the presentation was made by Gus Gikas, W5HRF. Award photos by Ray Wangler, W5EDZ.

Dean was first licensed in 1930 at the age of 17 while attending a business and radio school in Beaumont, Texas. His purpose was to prepare for the FCC commercial license exams needed to become a shipboard radio operator. His instructor suggested that the class go to the FCC office in Beaumont and take the Amateur Radio License examination for practice taking FCC commercial license exams. Dean and the whole class passed and were issued Amateur Radio Licenses. He was issued the call sign W5BGE and has held it



Left to right, Gus Gikas, W5HRF, and Dean Davis, W5BGE.

continuously since. Although he had built and tinkered with crystal sets while he was growing up in Dallas, Texas, Dean says he really didn't know what Amateur Radio was at the time he passed the Amateur exams. Dean now holds an Amateur Extra Class License and is active on the air daily.

#### **ED ATEMS, W8BX, RECEIVES 75-YEAR AWARD CERTIFICATE**

Ed Atems, W8BX, has received his 75-year Award Certificate. Ed is 90 years old and obtained his first license at the age of 15. His



*Ed Atems, W8BX, received his 75-year Award Certificate*

call letters assigned back then were W8CLL. It is a privilege having Ed as a QCWA member and we would like to congratulate him on his 75 years of being a ham radio operator! Congratulations Ed!

#### **HELGE ERICKSON, W7DIV, RECEIVES HIS 70 YEAR AWARD**

Helge Erickson, W7DIV, at the age of 93, received his International Quarterly Wireless

Certificate for 70 years in amateur radio in May of 2003. He is now approaching 72 years in amateur radio this year. As the state chapter #4 of QCWA no longer functions in Seattle, the certificate was presented at the Grays Harbor Amateur Radio Club, W7ZA, Hoquiam, Washington by the club President, Joe LeDesma, KA7AIR.

Helge's friend, Joann Frazer, N7ZK, attributes his longevity to his hiking, his hobbies and he's always busy. He's interested in the world around him. He's always positive, upbeat, happy, never negative. And he reads constantly. We encourage you to read a truly excellent article on the many accomplishments and adventures of Helge Erickson. It can be found in the Sunday, February 6, 2005 edition of the Aberdeen Daily World Newspaper out of Washington state.



*Helge Erickson, W7DIV (left), receives his 70-year Award Certificate from Hoquiam Club President, Joe LeDesma, KA7AIR.*

Helge is on his IC 746 daily on the Alaska net at 9:30am (Pacific time) on 142.92 and daily on the Prestigious net at 11:00am (Pacific time) on 14305.

Congratulations Helge! We are all very proud to have you as a member!

**CENTENARIAN ZEKE DORSEY, W3DHL**

January 15, 2005, was a red letter day for Zeke Dorsey, W3DHL, as it marks his 100th birthday. Zeke has seen a lot of things come and go over the years. Born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania in 1905, Zeke first got started in radio at the age of 16. Using a Ford spark coil (powered by homemade glass jar batteries) and a galena detector receiving set, Zeke and his pal, James Stewart, were on the air signing ZD and JS respectively. Later, in 1921, while a 16-year old student of Duquesne University, Zeke decided to "upgrade" his operation. Not only did he upgrade his station to a 1 KW rotary spark transmitter and a regenerative receiver, but he also decided to get a license! The call sign 8DHL was issued in 1922, and Zeke's interest in amateur radio flourished along with radio development in the 1920s.

A bright lad, Zeke also developed an interest in aviation and became a licensed pilot.



*Centenarian Zeke Dorsey, W3DHL.*

During the early days of WW2, Zeke enlisted in the Air Corps at the rather advanced age of 37. Because of his specialized knowledge in aviation and radio, Uncle Sam waived Zeke's basic training, and immediately sent him overseas to India to set up radio navigation



*(right) Zeke Dorsey, W3DHL, and long time friend Bob Ross, KA3AVB.*

aids and homing devices in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. As the war progressed, Zeke later served in the Pacific theater setting up and servicing radio beacons for the air forces.

Over time, Zeke's amateur license expired. Wanting to get back to his amateur radio roots, Zeke found his original call W8DHL (and later W3DHL) had been reissued and were no longer available. Sometime later, though, W3DHL became available again. With the help of the QCWA and a 1920s call book, Zeke was finally able to reclaim his call of W3DHL, which he still operates today.

Quite active in life, Zeke drives his own automobile, cuts his grass, shovels snow, and maintains an electronics repair shop. Zeke continues to enjoy amateur radio and keeps a weekly schedule with long-time friend, Bob Ross, KA3AVB, who recently stopped by to wish Zeke best wishes on his first 100 years. Zeke Dorsey is a true gentleman, who passes a remarkable milestone in personal achievement as well as 80+ years in amateur radio. ■



# The Rules Say... Q&A

John B. Johnston, W3BE, 17701 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855-1608

## Is Our Chapter a Club?

A club can be: (1) a staff of wood wielded as a weapon; (2) a stick or bat used to hit a ball in a game; (3) a playing card marked with the figure of a black clover; or (4) an association of persons for some common objective. A QCWA Chapter fits with definition (4) quite nicely.

For our purposes, however, Section 97.5(b)(2) says that a club must:

1. Be composed of at least four persons,
2. Have a name,
3. Have a document of organization, and
4. Have a primary purpose devoted to amateur service activities consistent with FCC Part 97.

**W3BE-O-GRAM: A Chapter must have five members. It has a name and it most assuredly is devoted to our amateur service. So, if someone can find your Chapter's Constitution, it is a club to the FCC, at least**

### Q. How many members of our club must be hams?

**A.** At least one member must have an operator/primary station license grant from the FCC in order to apply for a club station license grant. That should be no problem for any Chapter. Section 97.5(b)(2) says that only the person who is the license trustee may hold a club station license grant designated by an officer of the club. The trustee must be a person who holds an Amateur Extra, Advanced, General, Technician Plus, or Technician operator license grant.

### Q. Whom does the FCC hold responsible for proper operation of a club station: the trustee of the station license, or the licensee? I always thought that the club station is the licensee and the person in charge of it is the trustee.

**A.** Your Chapter's club station license trustee is accountable. Section 97.5(a) says that the station apparatus must be under the physical control of the person named in an amateur station license grant on the ULS consolidated

license database - or a person authorized for alien reciprocal operation - before the station may transmit on any amateur service frequency from any place where the FCC regulates our amateur service.

### Q. Can our Chapter hold more than one club station call sign?

**A.** Yes, your Chapter may hold multiple club station license grants. There is no numerical limit to the number of club station license grants that can be held by a club. For instance, a Chapter might want to obtain the call sign of more than one former member under our in memoriam provision of our vanity call sign system. To do that, the Chapter would have to hold a different club station license grant for each vanity call sign requested.

**W3BE-O-GRAM: Keep in mind, however, that our CSCSAs are doing our amateur service community a great favor by footing the costs of providing this system. Do not abuse their good will with requests for unneeded club station call signs. Also, do not waste our tax dollars and tie up our good call signs that you really have no intention of ever using on the air.**

### Q. Does the same member have to be our trustee for all of our Chapter's club station license grants?

**A.** No. Each grant can have a different member as its license trustee or the same member can be your license trustee named in more than one club station license grant. Each of your club station license trustees, however, must be an amateur operator of higher than Novice Class.

### Q. How do we apply for a club station license?

**A.** Section 97.17 says that for a new club station license grant, the applicant must present all information required by our rules to a Club Station Call Sign Administrator ("CSCSA"). Google the term and download the form from one of several sources. Use it to apply for your new club station license grant. Send it to one of our CSCSAs listed on the back of the form

### Q. Does this mean that we cannot file directly with the FCC our application for a new club station license?

**A.** Yes, that is exactly what it means. You must, moreover, file your club station renewal as well as administrative amendments, such as address and name changes, with one of our CSCSAs.

**W3BE-O-GRAM:** *If you attempt to file directly with our FCC, your application will be returned without action. Do what you can to help get the word out on this to help stop this waste of FCC staff time.*

**Q. Must we attach a copy of our Chapter's Constitution to our application form?**

**A.** No. Simply place it with your Chapter's club station records.

**Q. What must be included in our document of organization?**

**A.** At the very minimum, it must provide a process for selecting your club station license trustee. This member must hold an amateur operator license grant higher than Novice class. Your document must also authorize an officer of your Chapter to designate on your license application, on behalf of your Chapter, your member who serves as your club station license trustee. See 97.5(b) (2). Finally, it should state that a primary purpose of your Chapter is devoted to amateur service activities consistent with FCC rules Part 97.

**Q. What is the fee for obtaining a club station license?**

**A.** There is no fee for obtaining a club station license grant. See Section 97.17(b) (2). Our CSCSA must bear the cost of this transaction. It is only when you request a vanity call sign from our FCC that you must pay a fee. This is a regulatory fee that is revised periodically.

**Q. Where does the FCC get its authority to impose rules?**

**A.** the Commission's authority is spelled out in the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended. The FCC has the job of regulating those segments of radio spectrum used by non-government stations. It does this through specific rules arranged into a series of rule parts.

The rules for our three services — amateur service, amateur-satellite service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service — are contained in several of these rules parts. Most of our rules, however, are in Part 97. Some rules that also apply to other radio services as well as to the amateur service are in Parts 0, 1 and 17.

Before adopting a rule, the FCC must give notice to the public that it is thinking about doing so. It must accept

comments on the matter from interested parties for a period of time and place them in a file (docket) where the public can view them. Then it must accept reply comments in support or disagreement with the comments, and place them in the docket. The docket is the record upon which decisions are reached. The decisions themselves are subject to appeal within the FCC's rulemaking process and in the Federal Courts.

It is clear that this time consuming rulemaking process relies upon every potentially affected party making certain that the record clearly includes the reasons for support, objection to, or revision of, the proposed change.

**Q. Why do so many no-code Techs drop out of ham radio?**

**A.** Our no-code Technician Class operator license grants were first issued shortly after February 14, 1991. There was, initially, a big demand by persons who thought they wanted to become amateur operators.

Apparently, some found that our radiocommunication service for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations carried out by persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest was not their cup of tea. Now, as their ten-year term licenses expire, they choose not to renew it.

**W3BE-O-GRAM:** *Hopefully, many more than would have otherwise — were it not for our no-code operator class — found our amateur service just what they were looking for. They went on to achieve a license grant in one of our higher operator classes. This is the most important issue.*

Thanks to our operators who keep our bands – in this case, our 2-meter band – from becoming another CB band. As our no-code Techs come to find out, to converse in the amateur service, they need to know a lot more about radio that they learned in a quickie-training course.

Moreover, the batteries in their 2-meter hand-held rigs probably went dead and they threw them away.

**Q. It seems me that the person actually operating the radio (changing frequency and operating the push-to-talk switch) is effectively the control operator of that transmitter and is limited by the license privileges of his or her own license. Wouldn't you agree?**

**A.** Yes, because of Section 97.105. It says that it is the control operator's duty to ensure the immediate proper operation of the station, regardless of the type of control. Further, it says that a station may only be operated in the manner and to the extent permitted by the privileges authorized for the class of operator license held by the control operator.

## The Rules Say...

**W3BE-O-GRAM:** You might give a little slack on the PTT, such as allowing your third-party passenger in a car that you are driving to actually push the button. The person causing or allowing an amateur station to transmit or who adjusts any control that affects the transmitted signal, however, must hold a license grant from the FCC.

### APPRECIATION

Our R&R Superham-of-the-Month is our QCWA Secretary Alan Pickering, KJ9N. He is also our WORLDRAADIO QCWA column Correspondent.

Thank you, Alan, for all of the fine work that you have done for amateur radio. You are at the very top of the list of those fascinating people who make this wonderful hobby happen. ■



*Superham-of-the-Month, Alan Pickering, KJ9N.*

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# CHAPTER REPORTS

*Chapter Reports are a very important part of the Journal and we would like to see regular reports from all chapters. If your chapter is not represented on these pages, please ask your secretary to file a special report for the Journal. Please send the reports to Chuck Walbridge, General Manager, to arrive no later than the following dates: January 1 for Spring, April 1 for Summer, July 1 for Fall and October 1 for Winter.*



**Editors Note:** Chapter Reports displayed with the symbol pictured at the left are chapters who have stories or mentions regarding members that have received QCWA Service Awards. Congratulations to these members!



## Chapter 1, Cleveland (OH)

William Montague, Director of the Cleveland VA Medical Center, was the guest speaker at QCWA Chapter One's January meeting. The Center is home of Amateur Radio station W8LYD, staffed by Chapter One volunteers.

The Medical Center treats some 86,000 veteran patients a year, has a staff of 3,000, including physicians associated with Case Western Reserve University. The Center's annual operating budget is \$365 million.

Mr. Montague said that the hospital treats honorably discharged veterans. Its medical departments include surgery, cardiac care, rehabilitation, psychiatry, dialysis and nursing. New programs providing blind and post-stroke rehabilitation are being developed.

There are 14 VA medical sites in Northeast Ohio, including Akron, Mansfield, Youngstown and Lorain in addition to Cleveland. He noted that peer reviews ranked a high percentage of these facilities as 'Centers of Excellence.'

Speaking of the importance of communications, Montague said that he had been through many disasters and learned that "the only thing that works is radio."

Referring to radio hams, he called them "the court of last resort." He drew a hearty response when he said, "So give yourselves a big hand."

We welcome the following new members of Cleveland Chapter One: Doug Emerson, K8NFF; Ted Huddle, W4CID; Les Peine, K8LP; Vance Roth, KA8YHZ; and Bruce Thorne, KE8TI.

With sadness we report the following silent keys: John Brant, W8WAB, and John Pristash, WR8G.

### Chapter 1, Cleveland Awards

Volunteers are the backbone of every QCWA chapter, and Cleveland is no exception. Our officers,

meeting planners, net controllers and many others keep things moving. Recently the chapter recognized the efforts and long service of several of its members and the support of Amateur Radio by several local hams.

The Ham of the Year Award went to Chapter President Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP for his overall contributions to the advancement of Amateur Radio. The Chapter One Meritorious Award was given to Secretary Paul Poling, K8KCG. The President's Award, honoring active participation over a sustained period of time, was received by Bernie Hinrichsen, W2NTB.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Rocky



*Music Man Al Lada, WA8OZCM, has provided music for Cleveland Chapter One meetings since 1999.*

Zimmerman, W8UYN; May Tomazic, N8MZJ; and Bob Robertson, KC8UIQ.

VA Hospital volunteer radio operators honored were Dennis Brostek, KI8U; Ray Suing, N8EQT; Nick Markovic, WA8LOB; and Don Hill, WB8BPA.

QCWA Anniversary Awards, recognizing mem-

bers who have held their licenses for long periods, were presented to: Don Sealy, W8QKO (50 years); John Masic, W8VRJ (65); Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA (65); Andy Doles, W8UDG (65); and Bob Briggs, W8MMC (70).

**D.E. "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, editor**

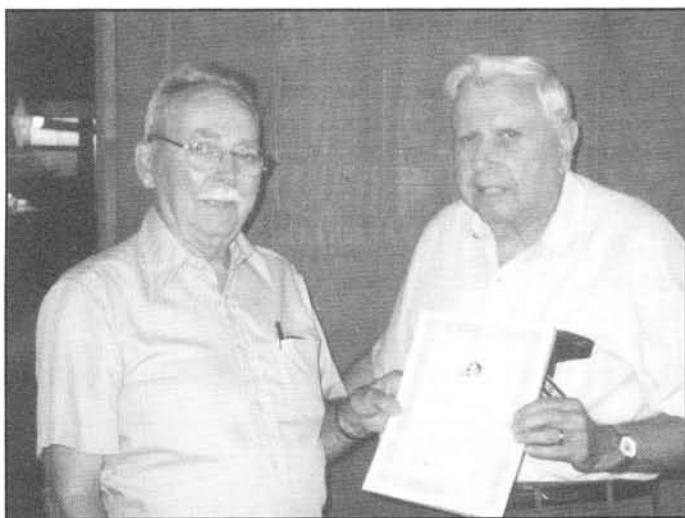


### Chapter 6, Pittsburgh (PA)

Our Chapter 6 held the Spring meeting on Saturday, March 19 at the Hoss's Steak and Sea House on Route 51. We missed some of our regular members who had the flu bug.

Our Treasurer and Director, Ed Yoder, gave a financial report and a report on membership. Our youngest member, Zeke Dorsey, W3DHL, celebrated 100 years as of January 15, 2005. This is certainly a milestone for Zeke, and we are proud to know him.

Secretary Ernie Baur, W3UHP, gave a report on the September QSO party. Four of our members participated, and a total of 40 members turned in logs which was very disappointing. Our next QSO party will be April 2nd.



(left) Nate, W3SVJ, presenting 70-year certificate to George, NS30 (right).

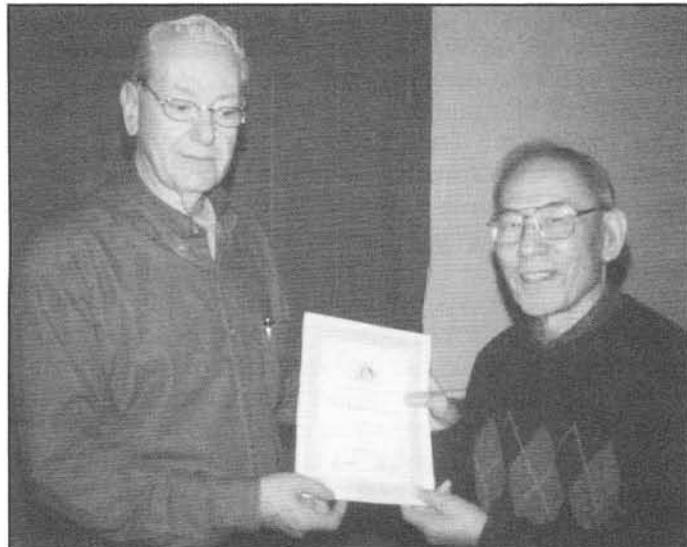
Our Director Ed Yoder, W3YMB, mentioned that the Board of Directors are looking for new Board members for 2006. The next meeting will be in June.

**Ernie Baur, W3UHP, Secretary**



### Chapter 10, Michigan (MI)

As the last days of winter continue to remain near zero degrees with frequent snow squalls leaving a fresh blanket of the "white stuff" on an almost daily basis, it is always a special delight to sit down around the



(left) Bill, W3LDB, receiving 70-year certificate from Ernie, W3UHP (right).

middle of March and write the Summer-2005 Journal Article. By the time this article is published, the weather will be hot and we will be wishing for these cool days of winter!

It is with deepest regret that we must report the passing of Donna J. Burch-W8QOY, of Clarksville, MI. and Ralph R. Caryl-W8LHG, Davison, MI. They were very well known and will be sadly missed within the Amateur Radio Community.

We would like to extend a sincere welcome to the following new members of Chapter 10: Daniel "Skip" Kwasneski, KA8IXC, of Wetmore, MI.; Walter J. VanNocker, WA8LRB, of Battle Creek, MI.; and K. H. "Mark" Mark, NB8S, of Farmington Hills, MI. We look forward to many years of fellowship and fun.

Our annual business meeting and luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 7th, 2005, at the Waterfront Restaurant in Cadillac, Michigan. Following the luncheon, the election of officers will take place, and the presentation of QCWA Service Awards will be made.

Election results along with photographs of the annual meeting will appear in the Fall-2005 Issue of the QCWA Journal.

Recipients of Quarter Century Wireless Association awards for 2005 are as follows: QCWA Fifty Years of Continuous Licensing Award: Jack Goff, W6RTO, of Bay City, MI.; James "Mac" McLaughlin, N8TT, of Lennon, MI.; Grant E. Pearce, W8GEP, of Wyoming, MI.; K. H. "Mark" Mark, NB8S, of Farmington Hills, MI. and Frank X. Shumsky, III, W8TVQ, of Traverse City, MI. QCWA Gold Certificate for 50th Anniversary of Licensing: James "Mac" McLaughlin, N8TT, of Lennon, MI.; Grant E. Pearce, W8GEP, of Wyoming, MI.; Frank X. Shumsky, III, W8TVQ of Traverse City, MI.; and K.H. "Mark" Mark, NB8S, of Farmington Hills, MI. QCWA Gold Certificate for 55th Anniversary of Licensing: Currin L. Skutt, W8FSZ, of Lansing, MI. QCWA Gold Certificate for

65th Anniversary of Licensing: Jack Goff, W6RTO of Bay City, MI. QCWA Century Club: John Wasmuth, W8BP, of Marquette, MI. and Joseph V. Wing, K8AMU, of Monroe, MI.

We extend our sincere congratulations to all of these award recipients. We are all very proud of your achievements.

Our Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2005, beginning at 12:00 noon at the Kenwood Park in Cadillac, MI. Please bring your own table service, drinks, (no-alcoholic beverages allowed per city ordinance) and a passing dish. Members are urged to include family members and friends as you need not be a member of QCWA or Chapter 10 to attend. A short business meeting will be held prior to the picnic.

Details of all Chapter 10 activities are announced at the beginning of our regular Sunday morning net, which starts at 8:00 a.m. local time on 3.903 MHz.

Anyone wishing to join Chapter 10 as their "Home Chapter" may do so by contacting Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Bishop, W8JFB, 332 Pte. LaBarbe Rd., St. Ignace, MI. 49781-9657. Telephone: (906) 643-7103.

Have a safe and happy summer. Drive carefully and we look forward to hearing you on our net or seeing you at our upcoming picnic.

**James F. Bishop, W8JFB, Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 11, NORCAL (CA)**

The monthly meetings of Chapter 11, NORCAL, are held the third Wed. of each month at noon at "The Carvery" - Harry's Hofbrau - in Redwood City on El Camino Real one block north (toward San Francisco) of the intersection with Highway 84.

The 2005 officers are Al Montoya, WB6IMX, President; Lee Savage, W6AQR, Vice Pres., and Brad Wyatt, K6WR, Sec./Treas.

Major topics of discussion at recent meetings have been election of officers and directors for 2005; the proposed BPL test in Menlo Park, CA, now apparently abandoned for now - see [www.fixthemachine.com](http://www.fixthemachine.com); the 2005 QCWA Convention and Cruise; general good fellowship and current amateur radio news.

About 25 members usually attend each meeting. Please come join us for social hour starting about 11 AM with lunch starting a half hour or so later.

**Brad Wyatt, K6WR, Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 16, Arizona (AZ)**

34 members and guests attended the annual Christmas meeting on a beautiful December after-

noon. After introductions Ken Hopper, KD7KH gave a very beautiful meaningful invocation and a delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.

President, Ralph Barr, WØDNO, introduced our entertainment, Musical Journeys, a group of friends who, through their love of music, refuse to let the performance of "old favorites" fade into memories. They come from all walks of life to join in a common goal to entertain, share their talents and enjoy music together. The program included music from the 30's and 40's, Broadway shows, and Christmas. The performance brought back memories for everyone and was very professionally done. I'm sure we will ask them to return in the future.

A short business meeting was held and we were fortunate to have volunteers to take the offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer. Bob McCuskey, W7BV, offered to take the Secretary/Treasury post while Jim Swafford, W7FF, will take over as President. We're still looking for a Vice-President. The timing of the installation is yet to be decided.

Door prizes were drawn and the meeting ended at 2:30.

**Gerry Higgins, W7ES, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer**

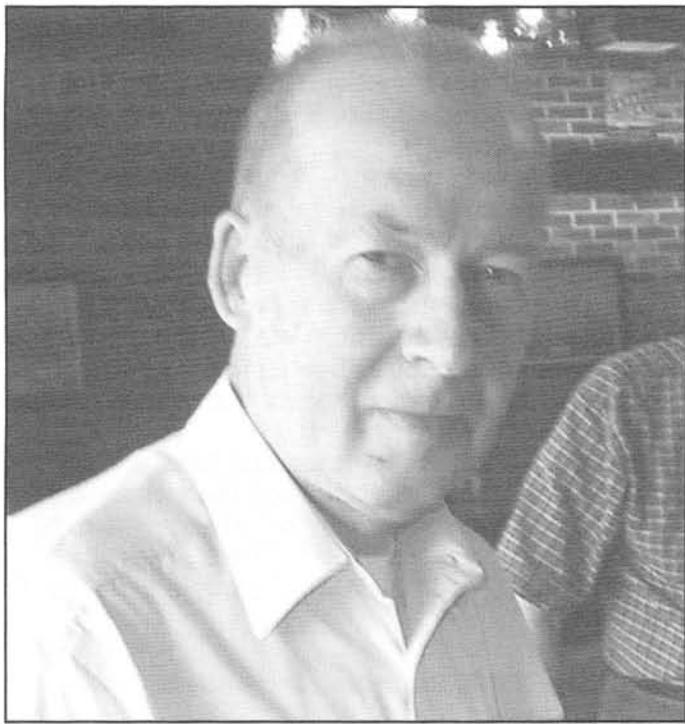
### **Chapter 20, Baltimore (MD)**

Our Baltimore Chapter #20 was chartered on June 6, 1963. Our original officers (photo 1, L to R) were: Treasurer Roland Johnson, W3WA; Secretary Charles Hartman, W3GR; Chairman Mynard Briggs, W3HWZ; and Vice-Chair Bruce Boyd, W3QA. Call sign W3GR is now assigned to our Historical Electronic Museum Amateur Radio Club station.

With the Winter season out of the way, our Chapter is planning to fly our QCWA Banner at the



*The first officers. They are L to R: Roland Johnson, W3WA, Treasurer; Charles Hartman, W3GR, Secretary; Mynard Briggs, W3HWZ, Chairman; Bruce Boyd, W3QA, Vice Chairman.*



Bruce Carpenter, W3YVV

Maryland State Convention and about a dozen other area hamfests.

Thanks to our VP, Les Jamison, WR3X; our Secretary/Treasurer, Russ Smith; our Coordinator, Bruce Carpenter, W3YVV; and Betty Johnston, N3PKX, our annual Awards Banquet is shaping up as the best ever, with a great speaker and door prizes galore.

Preliminary plans for our Annual Picnic in September are also under way.

Join us any Monday Noon for lunch at Cactus Willies Steak Buffet and Bakery, 7315 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD. It is directly across from the Empire Towers. Your XYL is invited any Monday, but especially on the first Monday of each month.

**John B. Johnston, W3BE, President, Chapter President**

### **Chapter 21, Canton (OH)**

The regular quarterly meeting of QCWA, Chapter 21, was held Saturday, February 19, 2005, at the Hometown Buffet in Canton, Ohio.

President, Kay McCune, called meeting to order. No business was carried out as Dave Glass, W8UKQ, secretary, was in the hospital. There were 15 members and guests present.

Program was a talk by John Feucht, a pharmacist from Mercy Medical Center, about "DRUGS and where are we going with their ups and downs!"

Free dinner was won by Bill Prince, WB8AJR. Guest prizes were won by Mary Frey, Vivian Gizzi, and Turj Prince.

***Phil Gizzi, W8IIV, Acting Secretary***

### **Chapter 30, West Virginia (WV)**

The late winter and early spring hamfest across West Virginia were very successful. Thanks to all those folks that stopped by our displays to say hello. Don't forget the Huntington Hamfest and the West Virginia State Convention at Jackson's Mill, both coming up in August. There will be a time slot for us to have a meeting at The Mill on Saturday afternoon at 2 PM. Watch for the chapter banner and stop by and say hello. Better yet, bring a friend and sign him up.

The annual fall meeting and election of officers will be held at noon in September. The date and location has not been chosen at the time that this column is being submitted. It will be announced later. Check with us at our hamfest gatherings or on the chapter web page at <<http://www.qcwa.org/chapter030.htm>>www.qcwa.org/chapter030.htm for this announcement.

Yes, it is time again for us to elect officers for the chapter. If you are interested in lending a helping hand or know someone who would be willing to serve, please let Art, W8PBO; Arnie, W8WVM, or myself know.

Tom Maher, WV8TM, of Weirton, and a member of our chapter became a silent key in January. Tom got into ham radio back in 1977 as WD8IIH. Tom was also a member of ARRL and active in Army MARS.

We welcome Bill, WA8YCG; and Ray, WV8RG, as new QCWA members to our chapter.

***David Mays, W8UI Secretary***

### **Chapter 41, Dallas (TX)**

Dallas Chapter 41, arguably and not surprisingly regarded as the most urbane of all chapters, is comprised of many pace-setting leaders in a plethora of business, sports, social, and philanthropic activities. One member representing the apex of those categories is Bill Chapman, W5YJB, owner of legendary Preciosity-Downs in Saratoga, New York, and its renowned stable of racing thoroughbreds foremost of which are "Happy New Year" and "Saratoga Leader," a magnificent pair of favorites well known to horse racing fans at premier equestrian tracks worldwide. In a recent press release, Bill announced that fabled jockey (and a ham) Roy Costolow, (W5ZOZ), has agreed to come out of retirement to ride Happy New Year in the



*"Happy New Year" — "The horse with a heart" (plus four fast hooves) — the pride of Dallas Chapter 41 members!*

Preakness. (Racing fans will recall Roy's spectacular photo-finish on Saratoga Leader at Belmont two years ago and more recently his record-breaking finish on Happy New Year in the mile-and-a-quarter at Monaco.) Chapter officers are excitedly making plans to travel to the Preakness in style in the chapter's newly-acquired customized Provost luxury motor coach dubbed "Palace 41". Veteran commercial driver and chapter member Richard Bauer, K5RB, whose blemish-free driving record dates to the advent of the Huppmobile and whose federally-issued commercial driver's license (CDL) carries the serial number 000001, (the envy of professional drivers) has been contracted to drive for the chapter. As a matter of note, Richard was a close friend of and technical advisor to the late Rudolph Diesel. Late Breaking News of Chapter Breaking Equipment: At a recent chapter luncheon meeting, chapter members were confounded to witness that members of the Chapter Program Committee (CPC), collectively representing advanced intellects in electronics, while attempting to present a program, had somehow put the expensive large-screen television set owned by the host restaurant inexplicably out of commission. The Chapter Damage Control Unit (cDCU) immediately went into red-faced session (Code Red) and summoned the agent from the chapter's insurance company, Mutt's Surety, Bail Bonding, Wrecker, Ambulance & Legal Service ("We Accept Plastic") for urgent (panic) consultation while barring entrance of the alarmed waitress. Various creative legal defense scenarios proposed by Mutt's, reviewed in a hastily convened committee, were reluctantly discarded in favor of reimbursement of the host for restoration of its prized but altered large screen unit. Members of the CPC were subsequently reduced in rank and stature while the chapter has been tentatively re-admitted to the premises on a probationary basis. Chapter Secretary-Treasurer-for-Life, Bert Wells, W5JNK, took

the occasion to note that according to Chapter Archives, it has been four-and-a-half years since the chapter was last relieved of a facility under escort, an enviable record as chapters go and one deserving of a certificate.

At a subsequent meeting, Jory R. McIntosh, KJ5RM, Assistant Section Manager North Texas, and BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) Task Force President, presented an unsettlingly graphic audio-visual program demonstrating from an engineering standpoint the irrefutable level of interference routinely generated by BPL making the operation of amateur radio equipment virtually impossible in the real life cases investigated.

The Dallas chapter meets the first Saturday of each month at the Midway Point Restaurant located in the southwest quadrant of LBJ Freeway and Midway Road in Dallas, Texas. Visitors welcome. Come for lunch at 11:30 AM. Meeting starts at 12:30 PM.

**Bob Olney, N5NT, Recording Secretary**

#### Chapter 45, Citrus (FL)

 It is with deep regret we report George Jeck, Jr., W2IOE, became a Silent Key on January 3rd, 2005. George was first licensed in 1932, at the age of 16, and joined QCWA in 1963. Other call-signs were WB2CYU and W2CZE. Chapter 45 is proud to have been able to present him with the 70th-Anniversary Award and his Century Club certificate. He and XYL Rose moved to Florida 25 years ago after he retired from RCA in Harrison, NJ. He had worked at RCA, as an electrician, for 35 years and was a veteran having served in the Merchant Marine as a radio operator during World War II. He had also worked at Westinghouse and Crucible Steel. George was a member of ARRL, the Orlando Amateur Radio Club and several senior organizations. He was very active in the affairs of the Chapter and served as Chairman, now President, of the Chapter in 1988-1989. Always ready to participate in the Chapter activities, manning the QCWA booth at the HamCation and helped to make the 2002 convention a success.

The Chapter held the quarterly informal luncheon meeting March 6th at the Buttermilk Restaurant in Maitland. These meetings allow members that are still working to participate. The regular Chapter meetings are held on Wednesday and some members cannot attend. No business, just good food and fellowship.

QCWA President John Johnston, W3BE, presented the Fifty-year Anniversary certificate to William Clark, WA4DXL, at the Chapter meeting in February, and also presented a 50-year anniversary



*Presentation of 50-year Certificate to William Clark, WA3DXL, by President John Johnston, W3BE.*



*Bill Shisler, W3DHN, receiving his 50-year Award from President, Joyce Anderson, K4EER*



*Presentation of 50-year Certificate to Robert Hicks, W1BH, by President John Johnston, W3BE.*

sary certificate to Robert Hicks, W1BH, at our March Meeting.

Chapter 45's regular meeting is on the third Wednesday of each month. Member and guests gather at the Picadilly Cafeteria in Orlando about 11:30 am for lunch and fellowship. The formal meeting begins about 12:30 pm. Any ham that is in the area is welcome to a time of good fellowship. The Chapter operates an open repeater, W4PLA, on 147.195mhz, net at 1930 local time every Tuesday.

***Paul A. Turner, W1DLP, Secretary***

#### **Chapter 48, Treasure Coast (FL)**

Bill Shisler, W3DHN, received his 50-year Award from President, Joyce Anderson, K4EER. (see photo).

#### **Chapter 49, Peach State (GA)**

 Our Meeting on February 19, 2005 had the largest meeting turnout in a very long time. Forty total consisting of 16 members, 2 Friends, 17 guest hams, 4 wives and our guest speaker. After our great meal at Fire Mountain, and the usual chapter business conducted our Program manager, Sandy Donahue, W4RU, introduced our speaker, Atlanta Journal columnist Bill Husted, KQ4YA. Bill entertained us with humorous anecdotes about writing his Technobuddy, column for the paper, including a story about how he managed to get lost while learning how to use his new GPS unit. He also related a story about trying to assemble a stand for his new HDTV unit. It sounded much like a young inept father on Christmas eve with a daunting toy needing assembly. Bill said his wife finished putting it together with no problems. He started a discussion about computer crime and the recent ChoicePoint problems. His column was mentioned by most present as being their regular read. Many thanks to Bill for the entertaining program.

Our new Chapter 49 membership form is in .PDF format and is now on the web page along with the National application form at [www.mindspring.com/~w4gbu/qcwa.htm](http://www.mindspring.com/~w4gbu/qcwa.htm).

Welcome to our new Chapter 49 members: ARRL SE Division Director Frank Butler, W4RH, of Ft. Walton Beach, FL; David Bruse, W4DTR, of Duluth GA; Doug Benner, W2NJH, of Marietta, GA; Don Kasten, N4DK, of Roswell, GA and Larry Keith, KQ4BY, from Warner Robins, GA.

**Yearly Awards Time:** Congratulations to all our members receiving awards this year, especially the 75-year award for Bruce Montgomery, W4BFR. A



# Chapters On The Air!

NUM NAME	DAY	TIME	NC	FREQ	NUM NAME	DAY	TIME	NC	FREQ
SO CALIF CW	SUN	1100L	K6CD	7034	81 LONG ISLAND QCWA CH	FRI	2030L	W2TLC	146.745 -
FL SSB	SAT	1300Z	W4KOG	3955	81 LONG ISLAND CH	SUN	1130L	W2TLC	3917
QCWA SSB	SUN	2000Z	varies	14347	85 ARK-LA-TEX CH	MON	1930L	WA9PZL	146.67 -
FL SSB	WED	1500Z	W4NWF	7274	89 PALMETTO STATE CH	SAT	0843L	N4RM	3930
REGIONAL	SUN	0845L	W2AUF	3917	89 PALMETTO CH	SUN	1700L	N4RM	3695
QCWA CW	WED	2000E	VARIES	7035	91 VIC CLARK CH	SUN	0900L	VARIES	146.79 -
1 CLEVELAND CH	WED	2000L	W8LYD	146.85 -	94 ROADRUNNER CH	WED	1400L	WB5YYX	146.72 -
2 CHICAGO AREA CH	1stTh	2130L	W9MOL	147.15 +	102 DAKOTA CH	SUN	1400Z	VARIES	3889
5 DELAWARE VALLEY CH	SUN	0945L	W2UAE	3917	106 GERMAN CH	MON	1630Z	DLOQCW	3773
6 PITTSBURGH CH	SUN	0830L	N3GMI	147.03 +	106 GERMAN CH	TUE	1730Z	DL1MEB	3576
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1000L	W6ZRZ	147.36 +	107 CENTRAL FL	SAT	0900L	W4LHP	7243
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1000L	W6ZRZ	446.24-	107 CENTRAL FL	THUR	1230L	W4LHP	14245
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1100L	K6CD	7034	108 BEAVER STATE CH	WED	0800L	W7LVN	3926
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	0900L	W6LPJ	3917	109 BATON ROUGE CH	SUN	2000L	VARIES	146.79 -
8 UPPER MIDWEST CH	SAT	0800L	WOOFY	3909	109 BATON ROUGE CH	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3905
9 SOUTHWEST OH	SUN	1330L	K8YDP	3975	110 KANSAS CH	SAT	0730L	KA0RZO	3920
10 MICHIGAN CH	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3903	111 PALM BEACH CH	TTHSA	1900L	VARIES	146.670 -
11 NORTHERN CA	SAT	1000L	WB6IMX	146.85 -	112 YANKEE CH	SUN	0830L	W1GCA	3903
11 NORTHERN CA	SUN	0930L	WA6AFT	3907	114 NORTH TEXAS CH	SAT	0830L	WA5BXH	3933
14 SAN DIEGO CH	WED	2000L	VARIES	146.640 -	123 LEE DEFOREST CH	SAT	0730L	VARIES	3940
16 ARIZONA CH	SUN	0600L	W7ER	3890	125 NEBRASKA CH	TUE	0100Z	VARIES	146.94 -
17 ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM	SUN	1200L	W3GOS	3990	126 PIEDMONT CH	SAT	0845L	VARIES	3935
19 MISSOURI CH	WED	1900L	W9VHL	147.15+	128 PELICAN CH	SAT	0900L	VARIES	145.29 -
20 BALTIMORE CH	MON	2100L	W3EE	147.285+	130 INLAND EMPIRE	WED	1930L	W6HV	1896
21 CANTON OH CH	THU	1930L	VARIES	145.11-	130 INLAND EMPIRE	SAT	0800L	W6HV	3900
25 NEBRASKA CH	SAT	0830L	VARIES	3982	130 INLAND EMPIRE	FRI	1600L	W6HV	3900
28 CENTRAL NY	SUN	1030L	K2MFB	3917	134 PINE TREE	SUN	1330L	VARIES	3942
29 FINGER LAKES CH	SUN	1230L	W2BCH	3900	135 MID-MICHIGAN CH	TUE	2000L	VARIES	146.70 -
31 READING,PA CH	MON	2100L	VARIES	146.91 -	138 MARCONI CH	TUE	2100L	VARIES	147.045 +
32 GATOR CH	SAT	0900L	VARIES	145.29 -	140 WYOMING CH	SAT	0800L	AB7BJ	3923
33 GUNDERSON PENN-JRSEY	DAILY	2000L	W3APE	3987	142 NORTHWEST OH	WED	2000L	K8PL	147.27+
33 GUNDERSON-PENN-JRSEY	DLY	1000L	W3APE	14263	146 TWIN STATE CH	SUN	0830L	VARIES	3912
35 MIDCONTINENT CH	THU	2030L	KOYML	146.97 -	146 TWIN STATE CH	THUR	1900L	VARIES	146.76 -
37 HARRISBURG CH	WED	2100L	K3IUY	147.12 +	149 NUTMEG CH	SUN	1030L	W1JC	3923
38 SAN ANTONIO CH	SUN	2030L	W5HRF	146.94 -	150 DEL-MAR-VA CH	SUN	0900L	NQ4Q	146.820 -
41 DALLAS CH	SUN	0715L	VARIES	3835	151 WILD ROSE CH	MON	1900L	VARIES	3747
45 CITRUS CH	TUE	1930L	VARIES	147.195 +	152 ROYAL PALM CH	MWF	1630L	K4FA	14190
46 FOUNDER'S CH	SUN	0815L	W2NBTW	3917	160 UTAH CH	SAT	1100L	VARIES	7272
49 PEACH STATE CH	SAT	0900E	K4VN	3857.5	162 SOUTHEAST WI	THUR	2100L	N9NBC	147.27+
49 PEACH STATE CH	WED	2000L	K4VN	145.41 -	165 YORK COUNTY PA	WED	2100L	W3AXC	146.97 -
51 TEX-LA GOLDEN TRI	MON	1830L	W5AL	146.85	169 SACRAMENTO VALLEY	M/THU	1730L	VARIES	3947.5
55 WI CH	SUN	0830L	WA9UVK	3985	173 GOLDEN TRI CH	TUE	1930L	W9JRY	147.255 +
58 CO CH	SUN	0900L	W9KRE	3910	181 HUDSON VALLEY CH	TUES	2030L	VARIES	147.060 +
58 CO CH	SUN	0930L	VARIES	146.67-	181 HUDSON VALLEY	SUN	0815L	VARIES	3917
62 SUWANNEE CH	SAT	0900L	W4PFJ	3940	182 NORTHEAST TN	SUN	2100L	W4CZI	145.110 -
63 CENTRAL OK CH	SUN	0800L	W5AS	3855	183 PIONEER CH	SUN	0930L	VARIES	3923
63 CENTRAL OK CH	THUR	1900L	W5HXL	145.21 -	191 MONTEREY BAY CH	TUES	1930L	VARIES	146.70 +
64 EL PASO CH	SAT	0830L	W5RO	3933	194 HAWAII CH	1st S	1500L	KH6B	7088
65 NIAGARA FRONTIER	SUN	1330L	W2AI	3900	196 EDISON CH	DAILY	0730L	VARIES	147.345 -
67 AUSTIN CH	SAT	0900L	W5MDL	3920	198 MID SIERRA CH	SAT	0700L	VARIES	3908
70 NATIONAL CAPITAL	THUR	2000L	VE3QCW	147.03 +	205 EASTERN IN CH	THUR	2000L	VARIES	147.27 +
75 CENTRAL CA COAST	SAT	1000	VARIES	7260	210 OMAHA CH	TUES	1900L	WOOMA	147.36 +
76 BLUE RIDGE CH	SAT	0900L	W4LSK	3942	213 FRESNO CALIFORNIA	4th MON	1930L	VARIES	146.850(-)
77 NORTHERN NJ	THU	2000L	W2IET	147.030 +					pl 141.3Hz
79 SUNFLOWER CH	WED	2100L	VARIES	146.82 -					

# Standing Committees

as of April 1, 2005

	Committee Functions	Committee Membership
<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor Investments</li> <li>• Prepare &amp; Monitor Budget Expenses</li> <li>• Review dues structure</li> <li>• Scholarship Program</li> <li>• Monitor Financial Advisor's Performance</li> <li>• Endowment Fund Oversight</li> </ul>	Chairman, Lew Gordon, K4VX Vice Chair, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM Jerrel Jones, W5TUU Tony Hirsch, W8RSW Roger Volk, KOGOB Treasurer Frank Harris, WA4PAM* Croft Taylor, VE3CT* General Mgr. Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD* Scholarship Ch., Buddy Smith, W5YE*
<b>Chapter Relations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter Awards, HQ Awards</li> <li>• Membership Growth</li> <li>• Recruiting Guidelines</li> <li>• Chapter Guidelines</li> <li>• Conventions</li> <li>• Operating Activities</li> <li>• Hamfest Coordination</li> <li>• Member Supplies</li> </ul>	Chairman, Harold Chase, W1EES Vice Chair, Blanche Randles, W4GXZ Jan Scheurman, WA4YL Howard Cunningham, WD5DBC General Mgr. Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD* Bob Roske, NOUF* George Roach, VE3BNO* Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO* Ken Oelke, VE6AFO*
<b>Administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain various QCWA Documents (Constitution, By-Laws, Directors Guide, Membership Lists, Web Page)</li> <li>• QCWA History</li> <li>• NEMSO Contract</li> </ul>	Chairman, Ed Yoder, W3YMB Vice Chair, Blanche Randles, W4GXZ Harrison Moore, W2JQS General Mgr. Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD* Croft Taylor, VE3CT* Bob Roske, NOUF (Webmaster)* Historian (Vacant)*
<b>External Relations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain Relations with other Amateur Radio Organizations (ARRL, CRL etc.)</li> <li>• Monitor Regulatory Bodies Proceedings and reply as necessary</li> <li>• Scholarship Program</li> <li>• Operating Activities and Awards</li> </ul>	Chairman, Len Nathanson, W8RC Vice Chair, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM Tad Burik, K3QC Secretary, Alan Pickering, KJ9N* General Mgr. Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD* Scholarship Ch., Buddy Smith, W4YE*
<b>Publications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor the quality and content of the Journal</li> <li>• Develop other sources of Advertising and Revenue</li> <li>• Taping Program Oversight</li> <li>• Web Page content</li> <li>• Barter Advertising Oversight</li> </ul>	Chairman, Bob Roske, NOUF Vice Chair, Croft Taylor, VE3CT Jerrel Jones, W5TUU Ray Minichiello, W1BC Fred Maia, W5YI General Mgr., Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD* Bob Roske, NOUF (Webmaster)* Blanche Randles, W4GXZ*

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definite accomplishment even among the QCWA group. A 65-year Award for Wayne Flickinger, W9BKJ, and 50-Year Awards for Lyle Letteer, W4KE; Jerry Lofstead, W3CDE; Guy Shields, W4GBU; Maxie Strickland, AC4DD; and Frankie Womack, W4BJT; will be presented at the April meeting to those present and the others will be mailed. We also have Century Club Awards for Charlie Akins, AB4HR, and Ed Bigbie, W4MMQ. Congratulations to them all.

**Bob Lear, K4SZ, Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor**

### Chapter 51, Tex-La Golden Triangle (TX)

During the first quarter our club continued to meet each second Saturday at Larry's French Market in Groves, with from 17 to 40 members and guests present.

At the January meeting Steve Gomez, KE5O, gave us a synopsis of his trip to Belgium where the mayor of Manhay presented him with a plaque for his father's participation in their liberation in WWII. Fred Goenne, WA5QAQ, gave us an update on his experimental airplane building project - 70% completed and 70% to go.

During the February 12th meeting we were entertained by a Cajun band featuring Roland Ledet, K5EU; Larry Hebert, KE5RQ; Tootie Heintschel, KC5HVT; and Norman Helms, K5SAC. Several of our members danced to the classic Cajun tunes. If you are in Southeast Texas on a second Saturday join us at Larry's French Market for Cajun food and good fellowship.

**Dub George, Bulletin Editor**



*Esmond "Easy" Hebert, W5CCT, and a friend dancing to the music of the Cajun band (Easy is over 90).*

### Chapter 53, Suncoast (FL)

The 24 members and guests at our 07 January 2005 meeting gave special recognition to QCWA Charter Member #13 and Suncoast Chapter President Emeritus Frank Lester, W4AMJ, and his wife, Sally, being with us. Frank, who had recently relocated from his waterfront, i.e., DX, location, into an assisted living facility, briefed us on how he was continuing to get on the air and chase DX from his new home. For our program, Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB, offered an excellent computerized slide show presentation, complete with on-screen comments and background music, of the European tour he and his wife had taken during the summer.

Amongst the 27 members and guests at our 02 February 2005 meeting, we were pleased to include QCWA President John Johnston, W3BE, and his wife Betty, N3PKX. John offered some personal updates on the latest news for headquarters. Assisted by Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB; Bill Schlapfer, KA2HEA, showed a very informative computerized slide show of the numerous transatlantic shipboard crossings he has made from 1929 to 2004, complete with on-screen comments and music.

There were 30 members and guests at our 02 March 2005 luncheon meeting, and we were most happy to welcome back QCWA Past-President Croft Taylor, VE3CT, and his wife Elizabeth, and former QCWA Director, Art Kunst, W3WM, and his wife Sylvia, KB3HYV. The program was a brief discussion by Jack Sroat, W4JS, on the vagaries of our license renewals and/or address changes.

On 16 March 2005, accompanied by four Suncoast Chapter officers, QCWA Past President



*The Cajun band: The fiddle player is Roland Ledet, K5EU. The drummer is Tootie Heintschel, KC5HVT. The Cajun Squeeze Box player is Norman Helms, K5SAC. The guitar player is Larry Hebert, KE5RQ.*

Croft Taylor, VE3CT presented an 80-Year Anniversary Plaque to QCWA Charter Member Frank Lester, W4AMJ. Following the presentation, Frank invited us to his apartment, where we could view his shack and antenna installation. We admire Frank for his dedication to Amateur radio and the QCWA.

Suncoast Chapter 53, with 43 active members, has a luncheon meeting the first Wednesday of every month—October through May—11:30 AM at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL. During the summer months, June through September, we have informal lunches on the first Wednesday at the Panda Pavilion Chinese buffet, 1765 South Tamiami Trail (US 41), Venice, FL. All QCWA members living in, or visiting, the Florida Suncoast area are always welcome. Please contact the undersigned at w4js@juno.com if you would like to join with us.

**Jack Sproat, W4JS, President**

### **Chapter 63, Oklahoma City (OK)**

The last General Meeting of Chapter 63 was held at 11:00 a.m. at the Hometown Buffet, NW 63rd and NW Highway on February 19, 2005. An outstanding program on the "Marlow Outlaws" was acted out in first person by Don Green, WB5EQR. The next meeting will be held on April 16 at the same time and location. Future meetings are planned for June 18, August 20, October 22, and December 17.

A special event station is planned to be set up in



Lyle Amos, W5SJC, on the left, receiving 50-year QCWA certificates from Gene Hawkins, KA5CNT, on the right, Chapter 63 President on October 16, 2004 at a Hometown Buffet General Meeting of Chapter 63.

Kingfisher, OK, honoring Art Collins, whose birthplace was Kingfisher. The event is planned as a 24-hour exercise, starting at 6:00 p.m. on September 9 and ending at 6:00 p.m. on September 10. Proposed frequencies are 3,863 KHz, 7,263 KHz, and 14,263 KHz for phone, and 3.563 KHz, 7,063 KHz, and 14,063 for CW. More details will be available later. Keep an eye on special event stations in QST.

**Norman Wilson, W5FLO, Secretary**



### **Chapter 67, Austin (TX)**

The Austin Chapter started the year with a program presented by Hank Belopavlovich, WA5ZLI. Hank has many years of classroom experience teaching methods of effective learning and thinking. He has recently been successfully teaching Morse code classes by including relaxation techniques to help improve the learning process and to make it more fun. Hank presented an overview of some of his techniques at our January 2005 meeting. We met for the first time at Denny's Restaurant on Burnet Road in North Austin.

Our February meeting included several surprises. Thanks to quick attention from our General Manager, Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD, we were able to make a surprise presentation of the QCWA Century Club certificate to three members of Chapter 67: Curt Goodson, W4QBU; Hal Henegar, W5MDL; and Dr. George John, W5TXP. Congratulations to you three gentlemen!

Our February meeting also included an excellent presentation on home and personal safety by Austin police officer Charles Rohre. We asked for a guest speaker from the Austin police department because home safety is such an important area of concern for all of us. We were directed to Officer Rohre who was happy to agree to give us a program. We later were pleased to learn that Officer Rohre is the son of long-time Chapter 67 member, Stuart Rohre, K5KVN. This added even more to our enjoyment and learning experience from Officer Rohre's program.

Our March meeting was our annual business meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Bill Henson, WB5SYS; Vice President, Hank Belopavlovich, WA5ZLI; Treasurer, Jerry Jackson, N5UJ; and Secretary, Keith Zimmermann, K5WX.

Our program for the March meeting was a video tour of ARRL Headquarters made by Marcus Barnes, W5CN. Marcus had an opportunity to tour the ARRL Headquarters last year and created a wonderful video from it. Marcus' friend, Mr. Ed Hare, W1RFI, the ARRL Laboratory Manager, was the tour guide. For those of us who have never had



The February meeting of Chapter 67, the Austin Chapter, included a surprise presentation of the QCWA Century Club membership to three very deserving gentlemen. Left to right is Dr. George John, W5TXP; Curt Goodson, W4QBU; and Hal Henegar, W5MDL.



Chapter 67 had another new QCWA Century Club member at the March meeting in Austin. Above is James Henson, W5BVN, receiving the membership plaque from his son, Chapter 67 President, Bil Henson, WB5SYS.

a chance to see the insides of W1AW or the Headquarters offices, we really enjoyed it. Marcus' running narration of the tape, plus many colorful comments by Ed Hare made for a great program.

Our March meeting also included another presentation of the QCWA Century Club membership certificate. This time, the honoree was James Henson Sr., W5BVN. It was extra special because his son and our new Chapter President, Bil Henson, WB5SYS, made the presentation to him.

The Chapter has continued to provide weekly code practice sessions on the 146.94 repeater in

Austin. The practice begins at 8:00 pm every Wednesday evening. This particular repeater has an EchoLink connection, which has allowed some Internet folks to "tune in" for the computer generated practice sessions.

Special thanks go to our outgoing President, Milt Cram, W8NUE, and Treasurer, Roger Wines, W5WIA. These two men have provided leadership to our Chapter over the past years and we appreciate it more than we can say.

**Keith Zimmermann, K5WX, Chapter Secretary**

#### Chapter 70, National Capital, Canada

In the history of QCWA in Canada, only two 75-year plaques have been awarded. The first was to Jim Cooper, VE3CR, of Toronto and now the second to our Chapter 70 member, George Adamson, VE3XS; Director Doug Leach, VE3XK, made the presentation at our Feb. 15 dinner meeting held at the Carlingwood Family Restaurant.

A second notable presentation then took place when a QCWA Meritorious Award, was given by Doug, VE3XK; to Ed, VE3GX; and Doreen, VE3CGO, Morgan. Over many years they have hosted a number of nets such as the Pothole Net, the Rubber Boot Net, the Swap Net and the OVMRC Net and have served on many amateur club committees.

Joe Parkinson, VE3JG, our new President, welcomed the 43 members and 2 guests who were in attendance for this memorable occasion.

Amateurs are prime candidates to own and drive electric automobiles. Fred Green, VE3IO, our dinner



George Adamson, VE3XS (right), receiving his 75-year plaque from director, Doug Leach, VE3XK.



Doreen Morgan, VE3CGO; and Ed Morgan, VE3GX, being presented a QCWA Meritorious Award by Doug Leach, VE3XK.

speaker, certainly thinks so. "Amateurs know about high voltage, know about batteries, and know how to connect things up". Fred has owned and been driving pure electrically driven vehicles since 1975. He is a strong advocate of electric and hybrid electric vehicles as a means of reducing pollution. And did you know that the first hybrid electric car was made in the US in 1895 and the second was made in Canada in 1917! As well as having low pollution, electrically driven vehicles have the advantage of durability. Electric motors have only one moving part and last for years and years without maintenance. Some technical advances that are being developed and evaluated for use in electric vehicles are lithium ion batteries, super capacitors and new high efficiency solar cells that respond to infra red.

**Clare Fowler, VE3NPC, Secretary**

### **Chapter 81, Long Island (NY)**

Eighteen eager members met on February 22nd at our favorite restaurant in Bethpage to celebrate the THIRTIETH Anniversary of the founding of Chapter 81. A commemorative pen was presented to one of our founding members Herman Milatz, W2TLC, by our President, Martin Miller, NN2C. Many anecdotes were given as to how the chapter was organized. Each attending member also received a commemorative pen as a memento of the occasion with the inscription 30th Anniversary.

During the meeting President Miller announced the plans for the forth-coming trip to the Telephone Company's Pioneer Museum. The museum is located in the town of Commack and houses many of the original items that Alexander Graham Bell used and experimented with. In fact as you enter the showroom you are greeted by a life-size man-



The photograph shows the President Martin Miller, NN2C, presenting the commemorative pen to Herman Milatz, W2TLC.

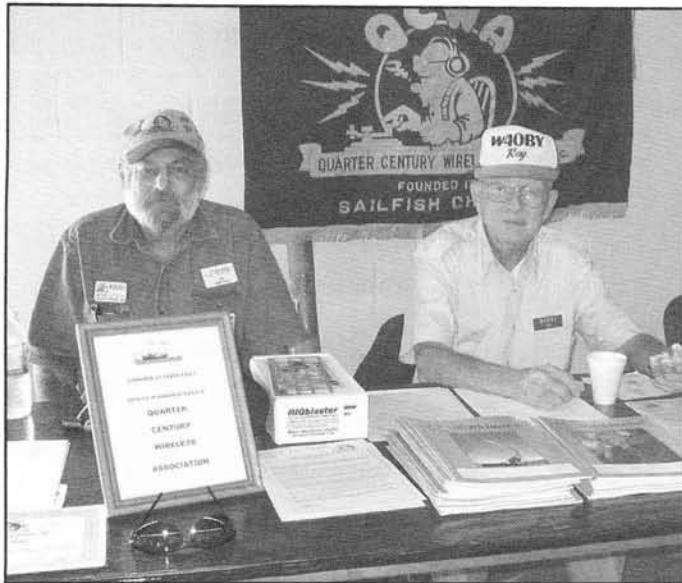
nequin of Mr. Bell who welcomes you. The trip will take place on JUNE 18TH. Upon conclusion of the trip we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant. We do have some sad news, Lew Reinberg, W2BDB, became seriously ill. Fortunately, he is well on his way to full recovery. Another bit of sad news is that our Treasurer, Hugo Landerer, slipped on some ice and fractured his hip requiring three rods to hold him together. Hugo is in a great deal of pain. He, too, is well on his way to full recovery. The winter months have taken its toll.

**Martin Miller, NN2C, President**

### **Chapter 82, (FL)**

At the regular monthly chapter meeting in March the talk was about who got what repaired so far after the Stuart area of Florida got hit by two direct hits by Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne within three weeks last September. Most of us lost towers and antennas besides damage to homes. The good news was that most of us are getting back to normal. President, Bob Stein, WB1HJC, also presented Bill Bergan, NU4X; Bernie Schreibman, W2QFQ; and Norm Dias, W1UHY, with QCWA Century Awards. Also, Bernie Schreibman, W2QFQ, with his 55-Year Golden Award.

We also made plans for the QCWA table we were having the next day at the Martin County Amateur Radio Associations Hamfest that was held at the Martin County Fairgrounds. We had a nice table with all the QCWA information and had quite some interest on behalf of QCWA. The table was manned by Bob Stein, WB1HJC; Ray Sipprell, W4OBY; and Norm Dias, W1UHY. We had QCWA members from Chapters 82, 62, 48 and 111 sign in on our sign-up sheet. It was nice to meet up with many good old



friends.

Scilfish Chapter 82 meets at the Dixie Grill on the 3rd Friday of the month on A1A in Stuart FL. Drop in and see us when you're in the Neighborhood.

### Norm Dias, W1UHY Sec/Treasurer



### Chapter 89, Palmetto (SC)

The regular meeting of the South Carolina Palmetto Chapter 89 was held at Hill Top Restaurant Columbia, SC Saturday Feb 26th.

President, Jim Boehner, N4ZZ SCSCM brought us up to date on the recent events and happenings of ARRL including some information on our relationship with Homeland Security. You can keep up with the latest ARRL activities in SC by going to Jim's SC ARRL page on the Internet.

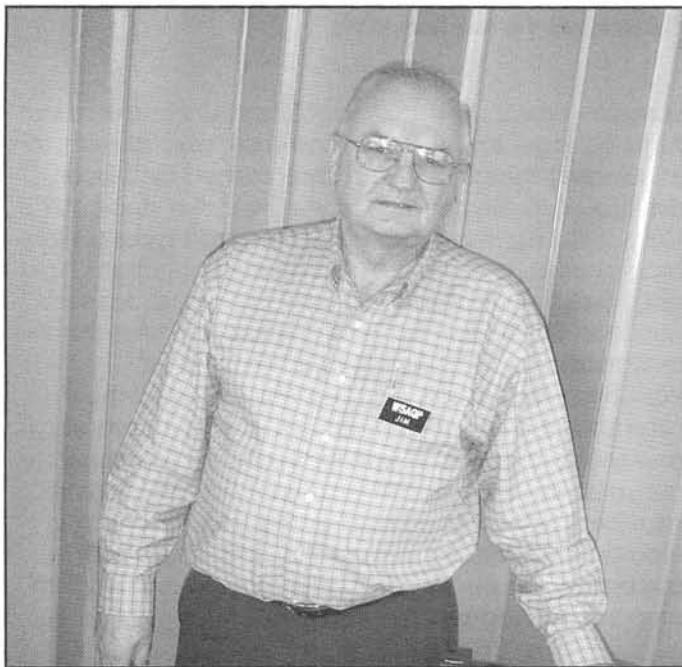
KEN Ferguson, K4KXO, presented an interesting program on SWR. Due to a malfunction of the support staff the projector cable was left out of the computer projection traveling case so the graphics display illustrations were presented on his laptop. It was an interesting and informative program in spite of the small screen.

Our chapter members earned two awards. K4II, William Benny, the 70, and Ronald Galini, W4NDV, 50-year certificates. Bill Benny, having passed away before the presentation could be made, the certificate was presented to the Spartanburg Amateur Radio Club.

The club now has his call, K4II, as the club station call. His 70-year certificate was framed and displayed on the wall in their club. A contribution to the QCWA scholarship fund was made in Bills mem-



Ken Ferguson, K4KXO, with computer graphics program on SWR.



Jim Hill, W5AQP, incoming Secretary/Treasurer.

ory.

As the club voted to increase our contribution to the QCWA scholarship fund, Jim Hill, W5AQP, incoming Secretary/Treasurer, is to forward the contribution to the fund manager.

Ronald Galini was not able to attend due to a previous commitment. We hope he can make the next meeting.

We had a good meeting with a fair turnout, but due to the flu bug going around and previous commitments, attendance was down a bit.

The next meeting will be June 18th at the Hill Top Restaurant, St. Andrews Road, Columbia.

### Ralph Mott, N4RM



## Chapter 91, Vic Clark (VA)

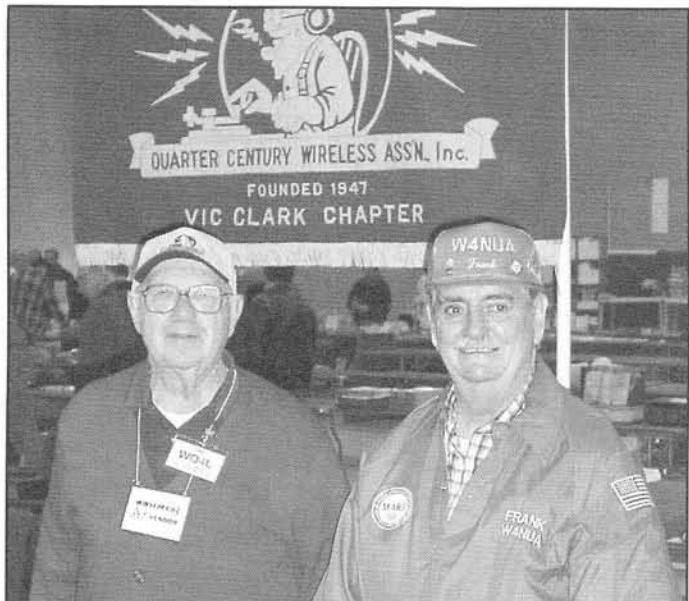
Charles "Con" Concannon, K4RQ, one of our chapter's favorite members, became a Silent Key on Friday, February 11; he would have been 99 years young had he lived until March 19.

Five years ago, QCWA paid tribute to Con's 80 years in amateur radio by presenting him with its 80th Anniversary Award. In January, I wrote to QCWA General Manager, Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD, to request an 85 years since-first-licensed certificate to be prepared for Con. When it arrived, I phoned Con to let him know that I had it in hand. Unfortunately, before I could take it to him, he was taken ill for the last time. Con was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on April 18, following a memorial service in the Ft. Myer chapel. Chapter 91 presented QCWA's 85th Anniversary Award to Con's son, Charlie, at that time.

I wrote a biographical summary of Con's fascinating life that appeared in the Fall 2000 QCWA journal (page 6). Here are just a few highlights: In 1919, Con was 13 when he and a friend began



Charles "Con" Concannon, K4RQ, holding forth at his 98th birthday party last March.



That's President, John Reiser, WQ4L, and Frank Haynes, W4NUA, at the Chapter 91 table.

using spark radio to communicate with each other across their Richmond, California, neighborhood. He was licensed in 1920 as 6RQ, and in 1922, he obtained his First Class Radiotelegraph license. During summer breaks from school between 1925 and 1929, he served as the radio officer aboard a tanker or a freighter steaming along the west coasts of North and South America.

In 1929, Con joined KYA San Francisco as a radio announcer, and series of broadcasting jobs on the West Coast followed. In 1940, he left KFRC San Francisco to join the US Navy and remained on active duty until his retirement in 1961. At the time, he was the Commanding Officer of the "nav-comsta" at Cheltenham, Maryland. It was the receiving site for the famous low-frequency transmitting station, NSS, with its large antenna farm at Annapolis, MD. While at Cheltenham, Con's amateur radio station consisted of a Collins 75A-4, KWS-1, and a beam on a 60-foot pole.

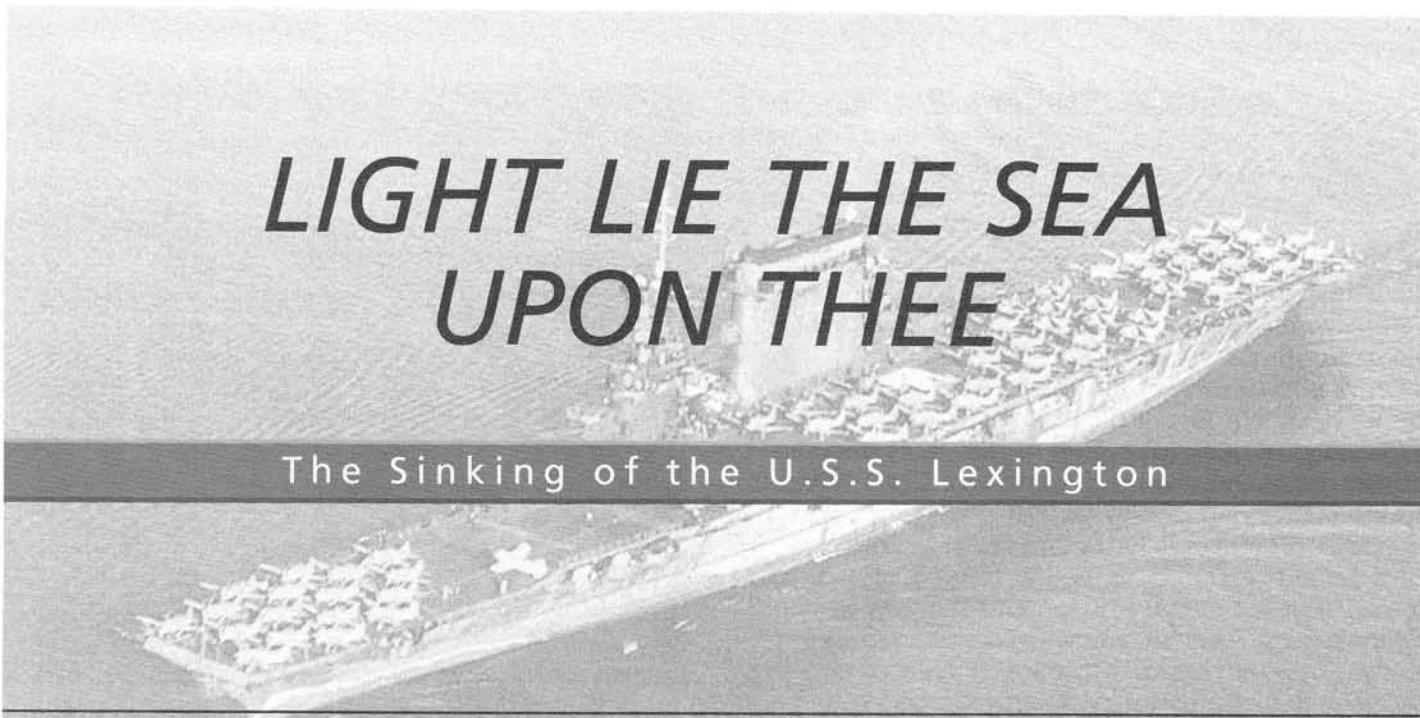
Chapter 91 also lost member Irv Hershowitz, W3HQG, in February. Tributes to both Con and Irv have been posted on our website: <http://homepage.mac.com/rucker/chapter91.html>

The good news from February is that the chapter took its second tour of the National Cryptologic Museum, adjacent to the headquarters of the National Security Agency (NSA) at Ft. Meade, MD. The full story with photos is posted on our website.

In January, QCWA's new President, John Johnston, W3BE, talked about the history of QCWA and recent happenings within the organization; see our website for details.

So far in March, Chapter 91 flew its banner at the Vienna (VA) Wireless Society's Winterfest, an annual hamfest held in the gym of the Ernst Community

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## **The Sinking of the U.S.S. Lexington**

**SPARK-GAP TIMES JANUARY 2005 EARL E. BURDEN, W9GRX, #4333**

Born August 16, 1923, LaPorte, IN. Spouse Esther June, 3 children. W9GRX since 1937. Navy RM1C 1941-1945. Survivor U.S.S. Lexington, Coral Sea battle. Civil Service Navy, Navy Electronics System Command installation of the "World Wide Omega Navigation System" forerunner to the "GPS. Lasted 21 years.

BY: EARL BURDEN RADIOMAN FIRST CLASS U.S.S. LEXINGTON (1941-1942)

This is the story of my experience when I was attached to the U.S.S. Lexington and my thoughts of what happened during the battle of the Coral Sea. After three months at the radio school in Indianapolis, Indiana, I received my orders to report to the U.S.S. Lexington. The U.S.S. Lexington, known, as the "Queen of the Flat Tops" was an aircraft carrier docked at San Diego, California.

I arrived at dockside and had the first view of the tremendous ship. It was 888 ft. long, and to this day, I find it hard to believe the size. When I boarded at the hangar deck quarterdeck, the ship looked like "forever" inside. There were men and planes as far as the eye could see. To a 19 year old, who had not been on anything larger than a rowboat, it was hard to believe)

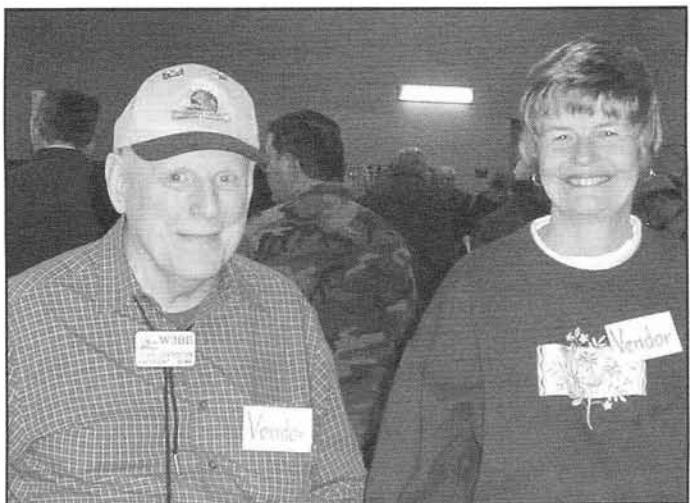
The next morning, I was out of my bunk early, and I found my way up "topside." It was four decks up to the flight deck. I didn't believe something this large could move, but she did) For many years, the Lexington held the world record for having steamed from Long Beach, California to Pearl Harbor. The speed was about 34 knots. The early days aboard took us to the Bremerton, Washington Navy Yard for some fittings of new guns. The eight-inch guns were removed, and 20-millimeter guns were installed. I heard that the soap dish in Captain Sherman's shower bounced out of its holder and broke every time the eight-inch guns were fired)

Another memorable stop was in the San Francisco Bay area, passing underneath the Golden Gate Bridge and to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. We anchored just south of the Bay Bridge. I remember the tidewater current going by the ships side so fast it looked like a river.

On a carrier, the highest point on the ship, where all operations are carried out, is called the island. It is located mid-ship, on the side of the flight deck, and forward of the large smoke stack. The island is occupied by the bridge, main radio, air operations, and the flag signals. Once settled aboard, I was assigned the "fox shed". All radio traffic and information for the larger ships in the Pacific Ocean area were sent out by radio station NPM, Pearl Harbor. Coded messages were composed of a heading containing destination of the message, then the text, which was made up of encoded five-letter groups sent twice. Some night watches I caught myself falling asleep on the first sent group and waking up to catch the second, always ending with a relatively good copy. After being on a midnight watch, I would be relieved and go down below and fall into my bunk. After falling asleep, I would dream and wake up catching myself still hitting the typewriter keys in my sleep.

Rear Admiral Aubrey Fitch was aboard for a short time. He needed a few of the ships company radiomen. I was

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*At the next table over, we found QCWA's John, W3BE, and Betty, N3PKX, Johnston working the crowd.*

Cultural Center at the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, VA.

**Dick Rucker, KM4ML, Secretary**

### **Chapter 102, Dakotas (ND/SD)**

Although wintertime has slowed down some of our member's outdoor activities, some have managed to keep busy indoors. Scott, WA0VKC; Dan, W0NBX; Gary, K0CX, and Frank, NU0F; where among the Black Hills ARC hams who coordinated efforts for the annual February ham auction, VE test session and dinner in Rapid City, SD. Gary, as usual, did an outstanding job as the auctioneer, while Scott headed up the Technical Committee who sponsored the Regenerative Receiver building project, sponsored by the BHARC, it culminated with the display of the receivers at the auction held on February 19th. Six radios were presented. All who participated in this activity throughout the year enjoyed it and came away with a more detailed understanding of receiver design concepts. The technical project for next year is an 80-meter QRP transceiver for PSK31. Scott will plan classes; kit building and lab nights will commence in the August timeframe. Dan and Frank helped coordinate the VE test session. Four individuals tested, with the result of 2 new Technicians and 2 upgrades to General.

Scott's SD Amateur Radio Directory project is just days from being submitted to the printer. The proof copy of the cover (featuring photos of vintage gear, covers of radio catalog covers from the "old days", and a premier SD antenna farm) was received back from the printer, and it looks super! He reached his goal of approximately 200 photos and biographies. The finished directories are still planned to be available at the SD Section Convention in Sioux Falls.

Bill, KOUB, and Tony, K7TNY, attended the

Bismarck, ND Hamfest held on February 26th. Bill said it was well attended. He set up a QCWA table, which drew some interest. Chapter 102 members Lon, K0LU, and Chuck, W6RD; also Bill, K0MHB; who is a member of Chapter 63 visited our table. There were others who stopped by who wanted information about QCWA. We did have caps, decals, patches available, QCWA Journals, plus our Chapter's Information Pamphlet, to hand out. Bill said our banner looked great.

Bill and three other local VE team members drove to Beach, ND to administer an exam session. Four candidates tested, all 4 passed their Technician License and also 1 passed his code test. Bill said these students had just finished with a Technician class. They were well prepared.

Jerry, KG0GG, the SD Section Emergency Coordinator and Scott, WA0VKC, attended the Black Hills wide ARES strategy meeting held in Hermosa, SD on February 27th. Twenty-one ARES members from the counties making up the Black Hills region and all four-area ham clubs were in attendance. One of the objectives of the meeting was to put plans in place for a comprehensive demonstration of amateur radio capabilities at the SET in October 2005.

**Frank Shaw, NU0F, President**

### **Chapter 126, Piedmont Chapter (NC)**

The spring meeting of Chapter 126 was held on Saturday March 26, 2005 at the Fire Mountain restaurant in Salisbury, NC. Chapter President, Billy Stewart, WA4PVI, welcomed the members and guests. The Chapter requested and was granted a club callsign KI4IHE with Rae Everhart, K4SWN, as the trustee. Joe Brown, W4ONJ, gave the Treasurer's report and John Covington, W4CC, gave the Chapter Net report. Mr. Weldon Fields, W4AJT, Greensboro, NC (photo) was presented the 75-year plaque and Life membership certificate from National Headquarters.

The Chapter officers thanked the members, guests and XYLs for their help and support with their duties. Newly-elected Officers: President Jack Emerson, W4TJE; Vice President Chuck Littlewood, K4HF; and Treasurer Billy Stewart, WA4PVI.

Members and Guest's attending the meeting are Jack Emerson, W4TJE; Dave Ritter, ND4MR; Chuck Littlewood, K4HF; Don Aldridge, AE4AH; Rae Everhart, K4SWN; John Covington, W4CC; Carl Starnes, W4EAT; Earl Fox, W4DWR; Carolyn Stewart, WA4LPN; Billy Stewart, WA4PVI; Joe Brown, W4ONJ; Nancy Brown, KG4JWP; Weldon Fields, W4AJT; and Bill Triplett, W4ZV, and XYL Charlanne.

The Summer Chapter 126 meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2005 at the Classic Family Restaurant in



*Left Billy Stewart, WA4PVI, right Weldon Fields, W4AJT.*

Denton, NC at 11:30 AM.

**John Covington, W4CC, Secretary**

#### **Chapter 130, Inland Empire (CA)**

On December 16, 2004 Chapter 130 held its annual "End of the Year" meeting and luncheon at the Rustic Grill in Lake Elsinore, California. Lake Elsinore is about 65 miles north of San Diego. Eight members and guests enjoyed an excellent lunch and fellowship at this meeting.

The group was treated to a video program showing a Hallicrafters WW2 movie describing the development of the BC-610 transmitter and its use in the SCR-299 communications truck. Along with a BC-610 in a one-and-a-half-ton truck, the SCR-299 contained two receivers, a BC-312 and BC-342, field telephone equipment, a 4KW generator in a trailer towed behind the truck, and spare parts to keep this system on the air. The video also showed the development of the BC-610 from the pre-WW2 Hallicrafters HT-4 amateur transmitter. Besides some background on the use of this transmitter in WW2, I gave a description of my effort restoring and using two of these transmitters on the 160 through 20-meter amateur radio bands. I also described the increased interest in restoring and using WW2 AM and CW radio equipment by many amateur radio operators and how it is also providing many of us the opportunity to increase our electronic skills by working on and operating this equipment along with learning some military radio history.

During the business meeting the decreasing membership of our chapter was discussed with ideas on how to recruit new members. This has also been a problem for many other amateur radio clubs. The aging of members and the lack of interest today in joining radio clubs seem to be the greatest problems in increasing our chapter's membership.

**Bill Feldmann, N6PY, Secretary/Treasurer**



*The photo shows from left to right viewing the photo myself Bill Feldmann, N6PY; Buck Lowry, KJ6YK; Hugh Graham, W6HG; Phil Sedgwick, N6CMF; and Doyle McEntire, W6QMU; who attended the meeting.*

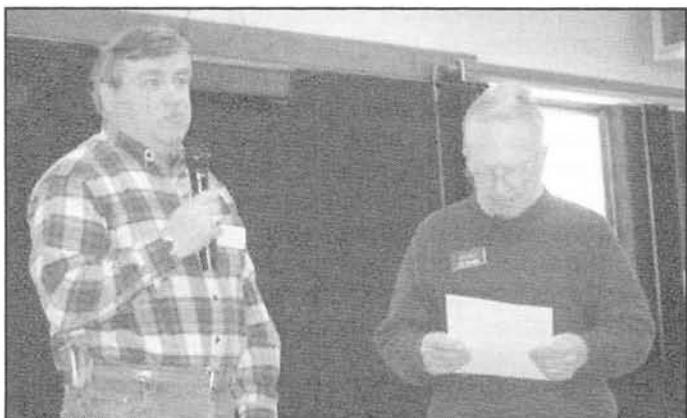
#### **Chapter 134, Pine Tree Chapter (ME)**

It has been a long and snowy winter here in the Northeast and the members of the Pine Tree Chapter are looking forward to the Spring meeting on March 26 at Lewiston, Maine. The meeting is always a great way to dispose of the winter blues. It is held at the ARRL Maine State Convention at the Ramada Conference Center and several members arrive on Friday afternoon and have lots of time to visit during the evening.

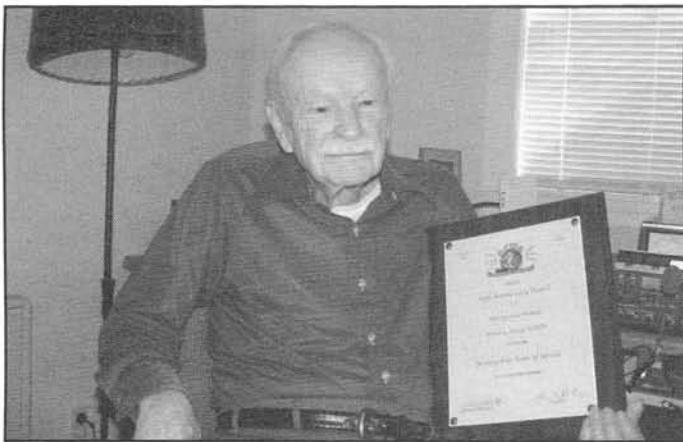
Nine members have Anniversary Awards due and the certificates will be available for presentation. Earlier this year W1BFA, Ernest Bracy, received his 75th-Anniversary Plaque and W1RU, Dick Baldwin, was presented a 70th-Year Award at Winterfest. Their photos are displayed in this Journal.

A slate of candidates for the 2005-06 election will be presented at the March meeting.

**Phil Young, W1JTH, Secretary/Treasurer**



*W1RU, Richard Baldwin, earned the 70th-Anniversary Award in 2004. W1RU was presented the 70th-Anniversary Certificate at Winterfest in February 2005.*



*Ernest Bracy, W1BFA, was licensed in 1930 at the age of 14. Ernie has retained that call for 75 years.*

### **Marconi Chapter 138 (NJ)**

Marconi Chapter 138 held their first quarterly meeting of 2005 on Saturday morning, February 19 at the Bed Rock Cafe in Bradley Beach, NJ. New officers were elected for 2005-2006. They are as shown in the picture.

Since the first of the year, we have been conducting a QCWA news net on the W2NJR-R linked repeater system <[www.w2njr.org](http://www.w2njr.org)> on Sundays at 8:30 PM EST. The system not only covers the entire state with 11 linked repeaters, but also has an Echolink node (#21005) so members can check into the net through Echolink <[www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org)> regardless of where they are located. Frank, W2XYZ, presented a comprehensive talk about Echolink. Many questions were asked. As a result of the discussions, it was clear that the linked system gives much better coverage with the potential to bring in new members. Unfortunately, a number of members who have been loyally checking into our current two-meter net on Tuesday nights at 9:00 PM do not have the capability to get on the linked system (most of the repeaters are on 440) or on Echolink. It was decided to run both the Sunday and Tuesday evening nets until the problem can be resolved.

The 24th Annual Awards Dinner is to be held on Sunday afternoon, June 5, at the Bed Rock cafe. Awards for the Elmer of the year, Diamond Jubilee, and Service Anniversaries will be presented.

***Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary***

### **Chapter 149 Nutmeg (CT)**

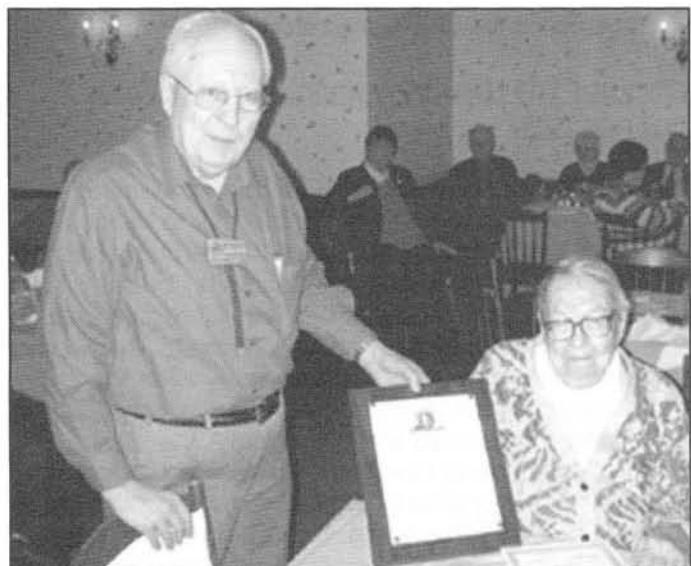
The QCWA Chapter 149 Nutmeg meeting was called to order at 12:10 at the 95 Gathering Place in Wallingford, Ct. with 40 members present. Luke, KA1SE, announced our guest Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD.



*Old and new officers for Chapter 138 are L-R Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary; Frank Gudicello, K2TVY; Outgoing President; Bernie Ricciardi, WB2EJT, Incoming President; Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, Treasurer; and Ron Olander, WA2HZT, Incoming Vice President.*

and his wife Jan. Ron Kresge, W1ARS, gave the invocation. The business meeting then delayed until after our buffet luncheon. Upon completion of lunch the business meeting was continued. Luke asked Chuck to assist in giving out the awards to those who were present. The following awards were presented:

- 50-Year Awards: James Franceour, KC1FB; Anthony Perrone, W1CGI; [not present] Stu Mount, W2AO; and Richard Ward, W1EYF.
- 65-Year Awards: Eugene Kowalski, W1TEE; Norma Moskey, W1MUW; [not present] Gordon Hayes, W1IUN, and Adwin Ruscek, W1MPO.
- 70-Year Awards: [not present] Ken Glaszer, W1KAY; August Asor, W1JAK.
- 75-Year Awards: George Hart, W1NJM, who also received his 70-yr. Award and Life membership to



*George Hart, W1NJM, receives his 75 year award from Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD.*

QCWA. [Not present] Cletus Dunn, W1DIT.

- 80-Year Awards: Earl Fairbanks, W1WG; [not present] Meritorious Award to Wade Holcomb, W1GHQ.

Luke continued with several more routine business items including our general raffle and then closed the meeting.

**Tony Perrone, W1CGI, Secretary**

**Chapter 151, Wild Rose, (AB)**

We have a luncheon meeting planned for Saturday April 23rd, 2005 in Calgary with a presentation titled "TV Production-Behind the Scene and Beyond". The presenter is Don Moss, VE6APT. Don started as a broadcaster for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and currently owns a production company and has traveled all over the world working for every major broadcaster. From sports, Olympics, Royal Visits, G 7/8 meetings, News specials and more, Don has been there.

The second meeting of the planning committee for the QCWA National Convention, September 27-30, 2006, was held at the Devry Institute on March 30, 2005. Revisions were made to the budget based on possible tours, entertainment and the final cost of lapel pins. There will be eight seminars and a QCWA forum. Two seminars will discuss "Radio Rocketry" and "Radio Astronomy". Other seminars are on Telescope Astronomy, QRP, Neuron Waves, IARU, Living Longer in Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio in Schools.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be in September to begin finalizing the details for the Pre-Registration form to be published in the Spring 2006, QCWA Journal.

**Jack Ambler, VE6CAQ, Secretary**

**Chapter 154, Leo Meyerson, Greater Palm Springs (CA)**

The highlight of our January luncheon meeting was the presentation of 50-year certificates to Mac McElroy, W6DBX; and Bill Dews, K6AWO; by chapter VP, Emil Oana, K6LGI. A discussion by five chapter panel members of the Part 97 reasons for the existence of amateur radio followed. This was a powerful reminder of the history as well as the current strengths and weaknesses of our hobby.

Chapter 154 thanks George, W6WAS, for the February luncheon program. He showed videotape describing the planning, building and dedication of the World War II memorial. Equally important, he added his own personal experience from the dedication ceremony. George, our thanks to you for the



*Mac, W6DBX; Emil, K6LGI and Bill, K6AWO.*



*Leo's Birthday Party!*

program and to other chapter members for being members of the "Greatest Generation".

Forty local hams joined Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, to celebrate his 94th birthday. Many of us remember Leo for the great products that came from his World Radio Laboratories. Check the accompanying recent photo. He is still going strong and expects to be here to celebrate his 95th!!! A special guest was Don Doughty, W6EEN. Don was Chapter President for several years and built the membership to the point of hosting a QCWA National Convention. The party at Leo's Rancho Mirage, CA, home included lunch, ice cream, a birthday cake, and a "Happy Birthday Leo" song.

**Gene Pentecost, W4IMT, President**



*Leo Meyerson, WOGFQ, Age 94!*

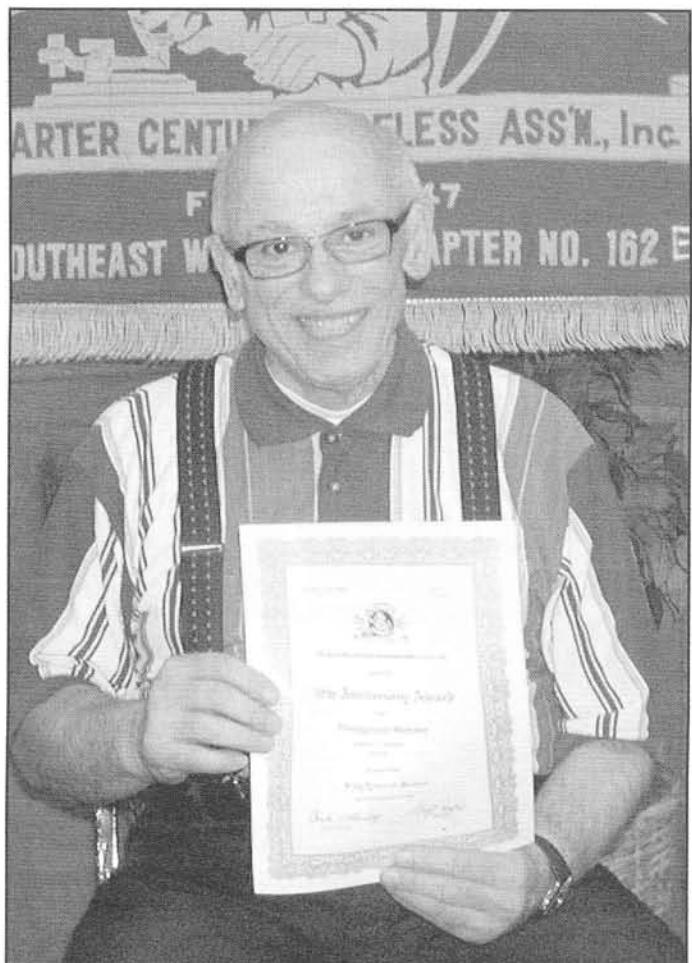


*Don, W6EEN, and Leo, WOGFQ.*



### Chapter 162, Southeast Wisconsin (WI)

At last October's QCWA Chapter #162 annual meeting, Spencer L. Clope, W9LDH, was presented the 2004 Olin Fox, K9AKG, Recognition of Excellence Award. The award is given once a year to an Amateur Radio Operator from the Southeastern Wisconsin and Northeastern Illinois area that has contributed significantly to their community and Ham Radio in general. This award states: "For outstanding support and diligent dedication to the principle and ideas of community involvement through the use of Amateur Radio for seventy-years, the Southeastern Chapter #162 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) is pleased and proud to present this award to Spencer L. Clope, W9LDH. Spence has, and continues to



*Al Marine, W9CKG, was also presented with a QCWA licensed Certificate for 50 years.*

work at bridging the intergenerational gap leading to a better understanding of core values of our youth and the adult world within the confines of Amateur Radio techniques. Spence has provided communications during the annual Racine Lutheran High School Walk-a-Thon; acted as the control operator for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade student's radio transmissions on Racine's VHF Repeater during Red Apple Elementary School's yearly options program; lent his radio skills to the Racine-Kenosha Boy Scouts Emergency Preparedness Fair at Camp O-DA-KO-DA in Burlington; and served as Chapter #162's President for two of its most productive years. Spence has given much to his community and hobby over the years. We are happy and very pleased to recognize his contributions." He also received a certificate attesting to 70 years as a licensed Amateur Radio from the International QCWA headquarters. This recognition was followed with the presentation of QCWA's Century Award. Spence holds the Amateur Extra Class License Call and is a staunch supporter of the radio hobby in his capacity as an instructor, facilitator and volunteer license examiner for the Federal Communication Commission. On Thanksgiving Day, November 25,



**Ken Knoff, N9NBC, was selected by Chapter President Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO, to receive QCWA's Meritorious Service Award for service to our Chapter, Community and Amateur Radio.**

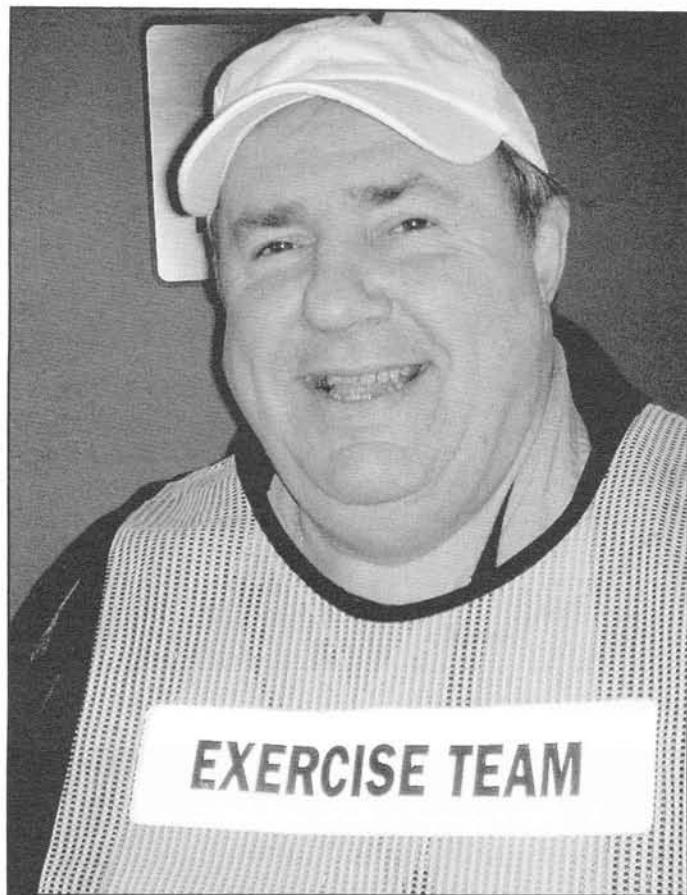
2004, Spencer celebrated his 95th birthday with his two daughters and their families in Madison, Wisconsin.

President Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO, selected and presented QCWA's annual chapter Meritorious Service Award to Ken Knoff, N9NBC, in recognition of his time, talent and dedication to our chapter, Amateur Radio and community service.

Chuck Knotek, W9GKM, received his 55-year licensed Certificate and Al Marini, W9CKQ, received his 50-year licensed Certificate.

Four Directors were up for reelection with a field of six candidates vying for the open positions. Ken Knoff, N9NBC; Chuck Knotek, W9GKM; Gene Haney, WB9ZKY; and Dave Voss, WB9USI, were elected. They joined the other Directors, Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO; and Ron Fox, K9AKG; (Ed Konicek, W9NVK, was absent) to choose the 2005 Chapter officers. The Directors returned Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO, as President; Ron Fox, K9AKH, as Vice-President; and Ken Knoff, N9NBC, as Secretary/Treasurer. Good luck in your 2005 endeavors!

Our congratulations to David Voss, WB9USI, on his selection as Racine County's ARES Emergency Coordinator. Dave also heads up the Volunteer Resource Communication Center (VRCC) at the

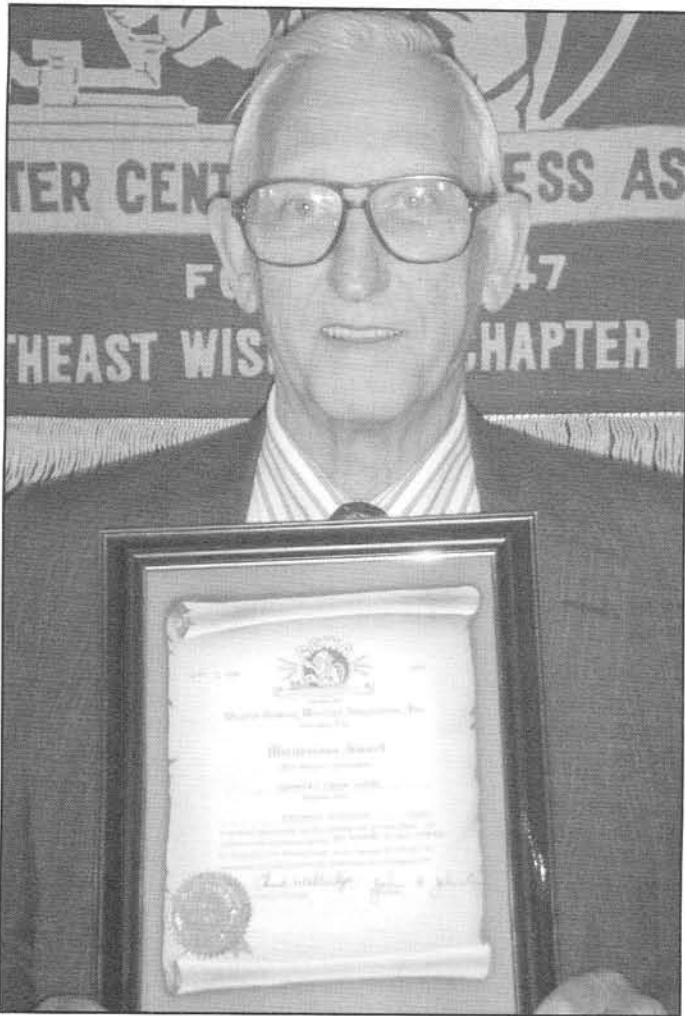


**Dave Voss, WB9USI, was recently selected as Racine County's ARES Emergency Coordinator in addition to his other Homeland Security activities for the County.**

Volunteer Center of Racine in conjunction with Homeland Security. The VRCC has acquired two Kenwood TS2000, an array of antennas and a hefty 57-AMP power supply to handle the load. Chapter members have helped set up the station by providing "manpower" to run the feed lines, move the furniture, paint the walls, and erect the antennas. We hope to operate W2MM as the official QCWA QSO station for the April and September QSO parties from there.

And as host chapter for the 2005 QCWA Convention, we are working to finalize our floating convention on board Holland America's Veendam, sailing out of Seward, Alaska on August 21, 2005 for seven days of wonderment on the high seas as we take in the breathtaking beauty the Alaskan Coast offers its viewers. Details are available on our web site at [www.qsltravels.org](http://www.qsltravels.org). Come join us for a most wonderful time.

**73, Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, Chapter Correspondent at Large**



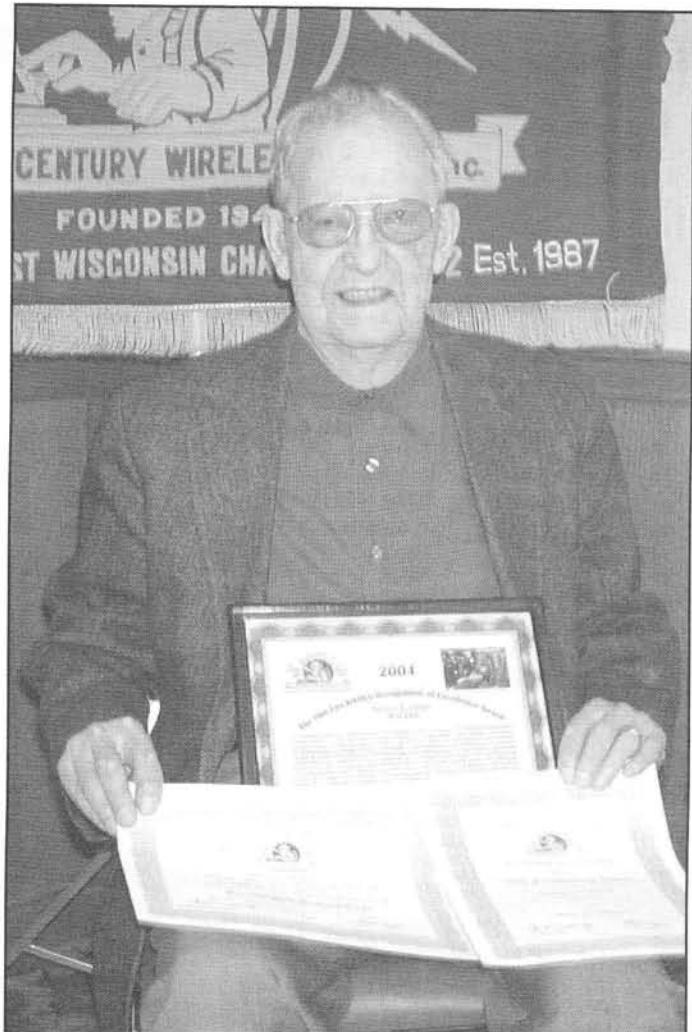
*Ken Knoff, N9NBC, was selected by Chapter President Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO, to receive QCWA's Meritorious Service Award for service to our Chapter, Community and Amateur Radio.*

### Chapter 169, Sacramento Valley (CA)

Chapter 169 meets monthly at Carrows Restaurant located at 4601 Watt Avenue in North Highlands, CA. The restaurant is on the west side of Watt Avenue just north of the Interstate 80 Freeway. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

We try to have a speaker or presentation for each of our monthly meetings. The last quarters featured: Bill King, W7MCC, talking about his experiences in the Merchant Marine; a talk by Don Locke, K6HPK, on his airplane engine model-building efforts; a talk and video by Wally Baer, W7WGB, on the 'aerocar' or flying automobile; and a talk and video by a local TV show host on UFOs. We also had a video on 'super novas' and a 1994 Dx-pedition, 3YOPI, to Peter I Island.

We had a 65-year Service Award presented to Paul Wolf, W6RLP, and a 50-year Service Award presented to John Minke, N6JM. Gary Stilwell, KI6T,



*Spencer Clope, W9LDH, received our Chapter's highest recognition award - The 2004 Olie Fox, K9AKG, recognition of Excellent Award at our October 2004 Annual Meeting. Spence also received QCWA's 70-year licensed, and Century certificates.*

presented a Meritorious Service Award to long-time Chapter President Paul Wolf, W6RLP. The change of meeting time has been working well. So come and join us at 9 AM. Troops start gathering at 8 AM for the no-host breakfast. YLs are always welcome. For further information please contact our President, Pact Wolf, W6RLP, at (916) 489-8112.

**Gary Stilwell, KI6T, Secretary/Treasurer**

### Chapter 175, Oregon Coast (OR)

Bernie Coler, KC7CP, showed up at our Spring luncheon meeting with his new QCWA Life Membership card and a big smile. Welcome to Roger Lincoln, W7RHL, as our newest chapter member. Roger is also sporting a brand new Extra Class license earned last month. Pat Aikenhead,

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# New Members

# Spring 2005

Date	Mem. #	Name	Call	City	ST/PR	SPONSOR	SCALL
1/4/2005	32831	SCHATZ, JOSEPH G	W1JGS	ACTON	MA	HAROLD HYMAN	W1IZQ
1/4/2005	32832	COHEN, MARLYN	KE5CCK	YUKON	OK	GENE NAILON	K5DLE
1/4/2005	32833	PRESTON, EDWARD E	WA9EOQ	SUWANEE	GA	-	-
1/7/2005	32834	BURNS, RAYMOND M	WB2MLY	PERU	NY	R E SEIFERT	KB2FF
1/7/2005	32835	HOFF, MICHAEL	W9IFR	MILLSTADT	IL	-	-
1/7/2005	32836	FAZIO, GEORGE M	WB3IGR	EASTON	MD	R M MC CLANAHAN	W3RMM
1/7/2005	32837	NOVAK, ROBERT	K0OK	MISSION VIEJO	CA	-	-
1/7/2005	32838	BRUNSON, WILLIAM L	K4SSP	CHATSWORTH	GA	-	-
1/7/2005	32839	YUSHKEVICH, BILL	WA1VMA	NEWINGTON	CT	-	-
1/10/2005	32840	BARROW, DEBORAH L	K3IWH	STROUDSBURG	PA	ROBERT BARROW	K3IW
1/11/2005	32841	PANCAKE, BILL	WDOX	FOUNTAIN	CO	-	-
1/11/2005	32842	SERRETTE, JOHN	K5ZU	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	-	-
1/11/2005	32843	RUTTEN, JAMES W	NW0D	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN	-	-
1/11/2005	32844	HALABUDA, MARK A	KA2IBN	WALLKILL	NY	-	-
1/11/2005	32845	CRAIG, JOE	VO1NA	TORBAY	NL	EARL SMITH	VE6NM
1/11/2005	32846	GILLESPIE, HUGH	VE6CFD	CALGARY	AB	KEN OELKE	VE6AFO
1/12/2005	32847	TERRELL, WILLIAM E	K5EVG	PORT ARTHUR	TX	JOHN LINDELL	W5YCY
1/13/2005	32848	ZIMMERLY, BRADLEY S	N1BZ	PITTSBURGH	PA	-	-
1/13/2005	32849	BARNES, SEAN D	N3JQ	BOILING SPRINGS	PA	-	-
1/14/2005	32850	CROWN, RONALD R	KA9JCP	WEST ALLIS	WI	-	-
1/14/2005	32851	LANGLEY, HENRY D	KODHQ	GRAIN VALLEY	MO	-	-
1/14/2005	32852	ALGREN, DOUGLAS A	WODAA	WILDWOOD	MO	VERNON HAYES	WOCYF
1/14/2005	32853	FOSTER, BARY	AA7LE	ELMIRA	OR	-	-
1/18/2005	32854	SOWL, MARCUS E	KD0MJ	DULUTH	MN	-	-
1/18/2005	32855	STEFFL, JOHN	KOZYA	DE FOREST	WI	-	-
1/20/2005	32856	SWANBERG, JIM M	WB6YXE	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	-	-
1/20/2005	32857	TABOR, DOUGLAS	N6UA	ESTES PARK	CO	GENE TABOR	KB7QG
1/20/2005	32858	ERBE, JAMES R	WA6NIF	FRESNO	CA	CHARLES MC CONNELL	W6DPD
1/20/2005	32859	MANIERRE, BENJAMIN, JR	KA6GBJ	THOUSAND PALMS	CA	-	-
1/20/2005	32860	SWARTWOUT, MARK W	NX1K	WHITEFISH BAY	WI	KENNETH KNOFF	N9NBC
1/21/2005	32861	BARTHOLOMEW, CURT R	N3GQ	STAFFORD	VA	-	-
1/21/2005	32862	MORGAN, WILLIAM A, JR	N3IW	SPRING GROVE	PA	RAY SHAUB	W3AXC
1/21/2005	32863	HARMAN, RICHARD G	WA4USB	ALEXANDRIA	VA	CAROL M CUTCHALL	WA4GFW
1/21/2005	32864	ZAWISLAK, JOSEPH B	W2FB	NEWFIELD	NY	-	-
1/25/2005	32865	LUNDEEN, RONALD	K0KWN	GOODYEAR	AZ	-	-
1/25/2005	32866	DIAMENT, GEORGE E, III	K2MH	BRIDGETON	NJ	-	-
1/25/2005	32867	POLING, KEN	N8EIJ	N OLMSTED	OH	-	-
1/25/2005	32868	WOERNER, BARBARA V	KA0GON	LINCOLN	NE	-	-
1/25/2005	32869	JACKMAN, GARY	W6GWJ	HESPERIA	CA	-	-
1/25/2005	32870	DRAKE, ALBERT	N1CQT	SPRINGFIELD	MA	-	-
1/25/2005	32871	TEGGE, FREDERICK M	N9FT	OSHKOSH	WI	-	-
2/1/2005	32872	AIKENHEAD, PATRICIA E	WA2ZZZ	YACHTS	OR	HUGH AIKENHEAD	AB7QN
2/2/2005	32873	BUREMAN, DAN	WB0QAM	DES MOINES	IA	BOB ROSKE	NOUF
2/2/2005	32874	EKER, LARRY	WA0YOM	KANSAS CITY	KS	BOB ROSKE	NOUF
2/2/2005	32875	FREUND, BRUCE R	K7BC	SPRINGFIELD	VA	HOWARD CUNNINGHAM	WD5DBC
2/2/2005	32876	STARKIE, ROBERT E	K7VSC	BEND	OR	-	-
2/2/2005	32877	HUNT, THOMAS E	NN5M	BELTON	TX	-	-
2/2/2005	32878	MARTINDALE, THOMAS C	K4TCM	ANNANDALE	VA	RAY JOHNSON	K5RJ
2/2/2005	32879	HOLDEN, GWYNNE	WA6VZM	CLOVIS	CA	KEN HOLDEN	WA60IB
2/2/2005	32880	NEAL, SAM	N5AF	CLEVELAND	TX	-	-
2/3/2005	32881	SUHR, ARTHUR R, JR	N2BJL	CORAM	NY	JIM WALSH	W7LVN
2/2/2005	32882	MUNSON, RICHARD GENE	W2GAS	SEDONA	AZ	-	-
2/2/2005	32883	PONTE, GARY MICHAEL	W6GY	RESEDA	CA	BILL FELDMANN	N6PY
2/3/2005	32884	NIELSON, NORMAN	KB1OV	BRIDGTON	ME	PHIL YOUNG	W1JTH
2/3/2005	32885	GRAND, RONALD	K6ZSB	CELEBRATION	FL	-	-
2/4/2005	32886	COONTS, LAWTON L	KB5RA	BROOKFIELD	WI	-	-
2/4/2005	32887	LINCOLN, ROGER H	W7RHL	TILLAMOOK	OR	CARL SOMDAHL	W7LI
2/4/2005	32888	MOORE, ALLEN W	W3QO	PALM BAY	FL	ARTHUR KUNST	W3WM
2/8/2005	32889	GOTT, JACK	WA6KGI	AUSTIN	TX	-	-
2/8/2005	32890	FULLER, RICHARD L	N0MN	PINEVILLE	LA	-	-
2/8/2005	32891	EVANS, HORACE A	WB3JYR	DOUGLASSVILLE	PA	-	-
2/9/2005	32892	FARWELL, DANIEL R	W8EQA	GEORGE	UT	-	-
2/9/2005	32893	ROBERTSON, FRANK B	K50HO	MARIETTA	GA	-	-
2/9/2005	32894	SCHWARTZ, JOEL B	WB3IWC	BANGOR	PA	-	-
2/10/2005	32895	ROWE, JOHN G	KB4LA	MACON	GA	-	-
2/11/2005	32896	DAVIDSON, MICHAEL A	N0MM	VERO BEACH	FL	-	-
2/11/2005	32897	VERDECIA, ALBERT	KA4ANA	MIAMI	FL	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/11/2005	32898	ALBERSTADT, GARY W	KA3FZO	FT LAUDERDALE	FL	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/14/2005	32899	COOK, ROBERT A, JR.	KX8Q	NAPOLEON	OH	-	-

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2/14/2005	32900	EMERSON, DOUG	K8NFF	PAINESVILLE	OH	MAY TOMAZIC	N8MZJ
2/14/2005	32901	LAURITSEN, NEIL H, SR	W4NHL	CLEARWATER	FL	NELSON DONAHUE	W4RU
2/15/2005	32902	FERME, VINCENT	VA3VF	OTTAWA	ON	-	-
2/15/2005	32903	HOUSTON, ALLYN K	WB4FNW	STRASBURG	VA	-	-
2/16/2005	32904	STERN, EUGENE	KC4FA	MIAMI	FL	A RAUCH	W4VZ
2/28/2005	32905	MARTIN, BRIAN	VE3IX	CARP (OTTAWA)	ON	BRIAN JEFFREY	VE3UU
2/22/2005	32906	CAPOGNA, STEPHEN M	N01R	CHELMSFORD	MA	-	-
2/22/2005	32907	ARMINIO, MICHAEL A	W1WZ	NORTH ATTLEBORO	MA	-	-
2/22/2005	32908	QUICKEL, ROGER E	K8MSS	GENEVA	OH	ART WOLF	W800J
2/22/2005	32909	BYRKIT, GEORGE	K9TRV	DEXTER	MI	LEONARD NATHANSON	W8RC
2/22/2005	32910	LO GRASSO, ROBERT C	K6PQ	UPLAND	CA	-	-
2/23/2005	32911	COULTER, BUDDY LEE	W8LSV	SOUTH HAVEN	MI	ELMER WOOD	K8ROH
2/23/2005	32912	COLE, NELSON H	WD4OOY	PT ST LUCIE	FL	-	-
2/23/2005	32913	HARRELL, WAYNE	WD4LYV	SYCAMORE	GA	-	-
2/24/2005	32914	BERNQUIST, FRED	N2DCP	HERNANDO	FL	PAUL TURNER	W1DLP
2/24/2005	32915	LANHAM, GERALD W	WA3OYW	BOCA RATON	FL	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/24/2005	32916	WARD, ROBERT B	WA3MUR	KINGSTREE	SC	PAUL TURNER	W1DLP
2/24/2005	32917	BRANDEL, MARK	KF4EA	OKEECHOBEE	FL	GARY HARRISON	K0BC
2/24/2005	32918	DUDLEY, RUSSELL STEVEN	KW50	SPRING	TX	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/25/2005	32919	DODDS, LEONARD	VE3GHN	SCARBOROUGH	ON	KEITH BENTLEY	VE3DHL
2/25/2005	32920	DU KATE, DALE A	KM9T	JUPITER	FL	-	-
2/28/2005	32921	GUILLAUME, J B, JR	N5CPE	JARREAU	LA	DAVID SKINNER	WA5IMF
2/28/2005	32922	HAMMACK, THOMAS, JR	W4WLF	GULFPORT	MS	-	-
2/28/2005	32923	MILLER, CHARLES M	W5IMR	SAN ANTONIO	TX	JIM WRIGHT	K5CDT
2/28/2005	32924	FORD, PATRICK J	WB7BFW	PASADENA	MD	-	-
2/28/2005	32925	FAIOLA, ANTHONY R	K3WX	SILVER SPRING	MD	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/28/2005	32926	KIMBLE, DONALD B	K0DBK	INVER GROVE HEIGHTS	MN	-	-
3/3/2005	32927	EWINGS, JAMES B	K2FJ	MONTVALE	NJ	WARREN HAGER	K2UFM
3/7/2005	32928	DUCKETT, DONALD L	WCOP	WILBER	NE	LYLE B QUINN	W0US
3/7/2005	32929	STANDLEY, LARRY G	WA4SWY	GREENSBORO	NC	-	-
3/8/2005	32930	KLOUZER, RICHARD J	WA9PYE	LYONS	IL	-	-
3/8/2005	32931	BERNER, VICTOR G	KG8VT	MANNING	SC	-	-
3/8/2005	32932	POOLE, WAYNE F	K4WFP	OCALA	FL	-	-
3/9/2005	32933	DEAN, CHARLES E	W4NHQ	ST PETERSBURG	FL	-	-
3/9/2005	32934	SAMPSON, ROBERT F	K6MBY	SEQUIM	WA	-	-
3/10/2005	32935	CAMPOSANO, FRANK W, JR	K2IYE	WHITING	NJ	-	-
3/10/2005	32936	GENOINO, EDWARD	WA2NDA	FORKED RIVER	NJ	BERNARD RICCIARDI	WB2EJT
3/10/2005	32937	HINKLE, DAVE, SR	WB3ACG	SLATINGTON	PA	DONALD YEICH	W3DMM
3/10/2005	32938	HARMON, TOMIE E	KG4KJA	ORLANDO	FL	AL LA PETER	W2AS
3/14/2005	32939	SHEFTEL, ALLEN	K2OKB	SCHROON LAKE	NY	-	-
3/14/2005	32940	OLLAR, JAMES W	K5GKR	ADA	OK	VIRGIL R TIPTON	K5DYA
3/14/2005	32941	BRUSE, DAVID E	W4DTR	DULUTH	GA	-	-
3/15/2005	32942	LEA, RICHARD L	W5PQ	SHREVEPORT	LA	-	-
3/15/2005	32943	NORMAN, DANIEL C	N0HF	BOULDER	CO	-	-
3/15/2005	32944	RINKER, RAYMOND A	W2FJB	RICHFORD	NY	WILLIAM THOMPSON	W2MTA
3/16/2005	32945	LINK, ALBERT	K4ICL	GREENVILLE	SC	-	-
3/16/2005	32946	BUDD, RICHARD	W0TF	LEEDS	ND	-	-
3/17/2005	32947	BRONCATO, LEONARD S	W2TPC	N TONAWANDA	NY	WILLIAM F KLEPSER	WB2AV
3/17/2005	32948	PAUFLER, DENIS J	N2DJP	CHEEKWTOWAGA	NY	WILLIAM KLEPSER	WB2AV
3/18/2005	32949	BAILEY, JOHN M	KK9B	MILROY	IN	-	-
3/18/2005	32950	HAIN, JAMES R	W2IMY	AMHERST	NY	DENIS PAUFLER	N2DJP
3/18/2005	32951	COSTA, WILLIAM F	WV6J	NEWCASTLE	CA	-	-
3/18/2005	32952	STYRON, G FRANK, III	W4CWA	CARY	NC	-	-
3/21/2005	32953	BENOIT, ELYSE M	KA1RW	UMATILLA	FL	DAVID M BENOIT	KA1ID
3/21/2005	32954	WILLIAMS, FRANCH DALE	K3PUR	RESTON	VA	-	-
3/22/2005	32955	HIGNITE, RODNEY A	W4RAH	LOVETTSVILLE	VA	-	-
3/22/2005	32956	FULLER, ROBERT K	WA2PHM	BERKSHIRE	NY	W W THOMPSON	W2MTA
3/22/2005	32957	COOKENHAM, EDWARD D	K30RS	MEMPHIS	TN	-	-
3/22/2005	32958	GARLAND, DEAN O	KA5HBO	ROGERS	AR	-	-
3/24/2005	32959	KATCHEN, H JEFFREY	WB2NWR	CORNISH	NH	-	-
3/25/2005	32960	ROBESON, JAMES C	KY4R	TALBOTT	TN	-	-
3/25/2005	32961	CONNOLLY, HUBERT C	AG4HC	ROYAL PALM BEACH	FL	NORM DIAS	W1WHY
3/25/2005	32962	THOMAS, VANCE K	N5DUH	BOSSIER CITY	LA	-	-
3/25/2005	32963	JACOBS, WILLIAM	WA8YCG	INDEPENDENCE	WV	DAVID MAYS	W8UI
3/25/2005	32964	GORRELL, RAY N	WV8RG	MIDDLEBOURNE	WV	DAVID MAYS	W8UI
3/29/2005	32965	SINKO, METRO	W8MET	NORTH ROYALTON	OH	-	-
3/29/2005	32966	HUTCHINS, MAXIE M	N4ENQ	INMAN	SC	HAROLD KINLEY	WA4GIB

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placed on watch with his men. It was during that time that only one of the very few messages left the ship aside from aircraft transmissions. Transmissions were kept to a minimum, as radio silence was the order of the day. I had the honor of sending that message. It happened that the distance and the time of day were just right for the transmitted frequency I was operating on. The signal dropped right into radio NPM Pearl Harbor. Needless to say, the admiral's radiomen were a bit jealous of me. It is rare for messages to go off ship during wartime.

Another bit I remember was when my year as a reserve was almost up. I was in my bunk, taking a nap, when the P.A. system alerted all hands that a national emergency situation was now in effect. That bit of news canceled my getting out at the end of my tour of duty. My only reaction was to turn over with the remark: "guess I might as well stay right here."

Whenever we pulled into "Pearl", I would go ashore on liberty. On a weekday, I would go and visit an amateur radio friend, who ran a radio shop, in the Kamikee area, behind Diamond Head. Before the war started, I was taking flying lessons at the Honolulu airport. I never was able to finish after the war started.

Another weekly visit, Sunday included, was to my girl-friend who lived within walking distance of Pearl Harbor in army housing. I never missed having a meal there. Her mother was a very fine cook. Her dad was a top Sergeant in the Army and disliked the Navy. I told him I was a Navy reservist, which is different from the "regular" Navy. He accepted that, so I continued seeing his daughter and continued having meals at their place.

Going around Diamond Head by bus was always a relief from busy downtown Honolulu, and especially from everyday Navy life. The beautiful flowers seemed to be everywhere, always in bloom, no matter when I was able to make the trip. I have never seen anything like it in my travels around the world. I enjoyed hiking up above Kimakee, 9 watershed area. "Keep out" signs didn't mean much to me then, but up there, it gave me a beautiful view overlooking Diamond Head and most of Honolulu, all the way out to Pearl Harbor.

Without a doubt, someone was looking over those of us on the "Lex" on December 7. We left Pearl Harbor on the 5th for Midway Island, with a group of Marine fighter

planes aboard. I would not be here today, as well as thousands of other men, if we had been at our mooring at Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. On the fateful day of December 7, the Japanese planes were to hit the carriers first. They realized carriers were the main ships that could give them trouble. How true) The future proved them right to that assumption, during the Coral Sea and Midway battles.

When the message arrived notifying us that Pearl Harbor was attacked, we were ordered to return to Pearl Harbor immediately. On the first try to enter the harbor, a small, two-man Japanese sub was ahead of us in the channel.

We made it on the second try. I think we finally got that sub. Pearl Harbor was in shambles. We never witnessed such destruction. Fires were still burning. The U.S.S. Utah was upside down. She was docked immediately astern where we normally docked. Most of the battle ships were either sunk or turned over at their moorings. Workers were attempting to cut through the hull of the U.S.S. Arizona with torches to get to men

who were alive and trapped

inside. Aircraft on Ford Island were still burning. It would take some time before any planes could use the runway there.

Today after all these years, it is difficult for me to say how I felt as we entered Pearl Harbor. I found it hard to believe that we had been caught off guard so badly. Knowing later that the enemy had maps showing the location or mooring sites for each carrier, I knew that I would not be here today because of a number of factors. First, my compartment was on the outboard side of the ship. The Japanese planes came into the ships from that direction. Second, the porthole from which I watched many flying fish skim the water surface was only ten feet above. Everything, and I mean everything, would be against the "old Lexington" if we would've been at our mooring. I also knew that things were very bad. You could not think differently when seeing our proud ships with such death and destruction heaped on them, the burning oil on the water, and smoke rising from many jagged holes in the hulls. Aside from thanking the powers to be, or maybe luck, was the fact that we were still a fighting ship. We had to get our ship outside of "Pearl" as soon as possible in the event of another attack. Our Navy was in trouble and our country was in trouble. Now all I could think of was that we had to get going and start fighting back. We loaded up with supplies, aircraft, and fuel plus munitions. We left Pearl Harbor heading for the South Pacific, and spent 56 days steaming, clear of any land. The

Japanese were less likely to sight us and pass on any information about our size and location to their fleet. We did not want the Japanese to know what few ships we had left in the Pacific. We also were unsure about the size and location of the Japanese forces in the South Pacific. Things had improved considerably upon our re-entrance to Pearl Harbor. Various hulls were showing with their sides above water, or turned over completely depending on their size. The airfield was back in operation, and we were preparing to turn the tide on the Japanese. The Lexington was making ready to return to the South Pacific. This time we were not afraid to show our strength. Our planners guessed that Noumi, New Guinea, and Australia would be their next attempt at conquest. Our fleet now had grown to a sizable force to be reckoned with. Cruisers, destroyers, and other aircraft carriers were now in the area. The destroyers, known as the "plane guards", always followed astern of the carriers during the operations and any aircraft having trouble returning from a strike and missing the flight deck of the carrier would be covered by the "plane guards", who were there to rescue the pilots.

When May 5, 1942 came around, we were in the Coral Sea. We knew something was up when we spotted a Japanese Kawanishe flying patrol boat. It was promptly shot down. However, the Japanese were able to notify their base at Bougainville. They sent out two waves of Japanese "Betty" bombers to attack us, all were shot down by our fighters, one by our gunners on the Lexington.

There is one incident I have not been able to explain even to myself. Normally, when an attack is expected, especially in the hours before sunrise and sunset, general quarters is sounded. In this case, as I recall, GQ was not sounded. I was on the catwalk on the starboard side of the ship's island, the nerve center. Coming right at us with intentions of crashing into the island was one of the "Betty" twin-engine bombers. I could see our 20mm tracer bullets going right into the aircraft. It got close enough that I could see the pilot. He was no doubt dead. With no one alive to control the aircraft, it drifted back aft, not able to compensate for our forward speed. The Japanese plane missed the island and the smoke stack, clearing the flight decks over the aft end, crashing into the water off the port side. I remember thinking "There goes one Jap who will not bother us ever again." Also at the time I gave no thought of my situation, or the possibility of me being hit by that bomber.

We knew then that the Japanese were also in the Coral Sea. The allied code breakers were now able to read with reasonable confidence some of the Japanese Naval messages. A large Japanese fleet of 6 aircraft carriers were heading south into the Coral Sea to attack Port Moresby on the tip of New Guinea en route to Australia, their next major conquest. But we were ready for them!

On May 6, the oiler, U.S.S. Neosha, was alongside, refueling and passing mail to us. She finished that evening. The U.S.S. Neosha and her escort, the destroyer U.S.S. Simms, left and proceeded south, never to be seen again. The Japanese found and sank both the very next day. On May 8, we were steaming approximately 200 miles south and east of New Guinea in the Coral Sea. On that day, our planes took off early, and headed for the known position of the Japanese fleet. Apparently, their planes lifted off their carriers at the same time to hit us. It was during this time Lt. Butch O'Hare won his medal of honor by destroying five Japanese aircraft, and damaging a sixth. It was these aircraft that were heading for our ships. The next day, I was on the fighter radio net during general quarters. What followed I will remember until my dying day.

I heard something that made my hair stand on end. Our gunners, due to the first time under fire, were firing their 20mm and .50 cal guns at anything that was in the air, including our planes. Our pilots were shouting into their microphones, "Hey, it's us, stop firing" At that early time, I think most of our gunners were slightly off in hitting their targets, a good thing for our pilots! My one regret was in not taking my log out of my typewriter and stuffing it into my pocket.

It wasn't long before we felt a number of heavy shocks that went through the hull. They were from torpedoes hitting. Fires were starting below, getting to our aircraft fuel and our ammunitions. It is still my opinion that if we would have been able to get into the shipyards for new fire fighting equipment, we could've saved the "Lex", but that time was taken up by other ships.

We lost all power at the time, then engines stopped, and we were starting to list badly. Our radio equipment, having no power, was useless. I suggested to my supervisor that maybe I could go down to the lucky bag and take batteries out of personal portable radios. We could then get at least one bit of communication equipment going. I left main radio, going down the outside ladder that I had shimmed. Smoke was everywhere, it seemed. I crossed the flight deck to the port side and then down into a gun position, one of which ringed the flight deck. This was my first encounter with the injured and dead shipmates. The gun positions ringing the ship just below the flight deck took most of the gunfire from the attacking planes and bomb hits.

About this time word was circulating that we might have to abandon ship. Smoke was everywhere, especially out of the elevators. The list of the ship was increasing making it difficult to walk in a straight line. It didn't seem possible that we were going to have to leave our home of many months, for some of us, years. But it became

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more apparent as the minutes wore on.

Not able to get into the lucky bag for those batteries that I had started out to get, I joined quite a number of shipmates enjoying the free ice cream from the geedunk shop. Couldn't let that go to waste. Helmets, cups and anything that would hold the ice cream were being used to hold the cool stuff.

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Just about then, a number of very heavy explosions sealed the Lex's fate. The word to abandon ship was passed by mouth and portable speakers. There was no time for me to go back up to the radio shack. Being back near the stern I jumped into the nets that were just below the flight deck. These nets were normally used for the flight crewmen to dive or jump into if a plane got out of control. So into the nets I jumped. There were a number of knotted lines that could be thrown over the side of the nets. These lines reached to the water down below some fifty feet. I grabbed one line and swung over the edge to start down fifty feet into the water. I was almost at the water when I stopped. What was that in the water, a shark! No, it was one of the ship's propeller blades, now stopped. But it sure gave me a scare. It was thought later that the explosions scared off the sharks, good thing with so many of us in the water.

I hit the water, life preserver on as required. I immediately started swimming away from the ship. Didn't want to be near if she went over and started down. Others were with me and we knew we would be picked up. A few were not so sure and yelled time and time again, "here we are, come and get us". I told them we were going to be ok and to save their breath.

I did not want to get on a destroyer. They are noted for pitching and rolling. I didn't want to get seasick, so as luck would have it the U.S.S. Minneapolis came by and picked up a large group of us. When aboard I looked over at the Lex. She was burning furiously, and every

now and then an explosion would occur, throwing pieces of aircraft and huge pieces of flight deck all over the area.

It was a sad sight to see our ship in such trouble. Smoke was billowing out of over half her length. She was listing hard to port. It seemed one explosion followed another. It was nearing evening. We on the U.S.S. Minneapolis had started moving away. Soon the location of the Lex was only a glow in the distance. About that time, one of our destroyers sent a couple of torpedoes into the burning hull, and that was the end, the glow disappeared. Leaving nothing but the darkness aft of us. She was gone! We had lost the Lexington but inflicted very heavy damage to the Japanese fleet in the process.

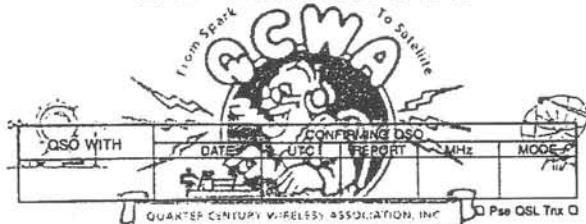
Planes from our task force sank the Japanese aircraft carrier, Shoho, and seriously damaged the Shokaku. Although we suffered greatly, it was considered a victory, as the Japanese fleet turned back to Rabaul due to lack of adequate air defenses.

The U.S.S. Minneapolis headed south to New Zealand, we were then transferred to the M.S. Island Mail, a transport for the long trip back to the states by way of the Tonga Islands. When we hit the states we had liberty in San Diego. It was quite a night, there were more John Does in town than you could shake a stick at. We were not allowed to say anything about the Lex or who we were, because the news of the Lexington sinking was not in public hands yet.

Then with a ticket in hand, most of us headed home on a train for a much needed rest. The question came to mind when I was writing this, I did not remember seeing any of the radiomen from main radio following the sinking. Possibly they were able to get on another ship, as there were a number of ships around us. But I don't remember seeing any of my shipmates down in New Zealand or in San Diego. I will have to consider going to the next Lexington reunion. That may answer the above question. ■

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# Random Recollections of an Old Ham

A Journalistic History of The Life and Times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM — by George Hart, W1NJM

## National Traffic System

I believe it was in early 1949 that Doc Hayes, W3LVY/W1IIN, frustrated by lack of field support for his role as "the man from headquarters to take over in an emergency" and by the relatively low salaries offered (although his was higher than most), left ARRL headquarters to become managing editor of CQ magazine in New York and a new call, W2BYF. I had already succeeded to Al Hill's role of assistant communications manager for CW. When Doc Hayes departed, I also inherited his role as "national emergency coordinator." So, while still handling training aids, I now had three jobs, but not three salaries. I was given a moderate raise. John Cann, W3IEM/W1RWS, came aboard to take over as assistant communications manager for CW and to handle DXCC and became a close friend. Lew McCoy transferred to the Technical Department under George Grammer and was not replaced as ACM-Phone, but the ACM-CW title was dropped and John Cann became simply a communications assistant. Joe Moskey transferred to the Circulation Department under Dave Houghton as assistant circulation manager. All these changes occurred in 1948-9 and the early 50's. It was a time of very rapid changes in the CD, with accompanying headaches.

During the early part of 1949, having been given the tentative nod to go ahead with plans for the National Traffic System, I got up a detailed prospectus and sent it to 40 prominent traffic men throughout the nation, asking for comments and support. The NTS plan envisioned an entirely new concept of traffic organization, away from the "iron man" tradition of the trunk lines to encompass a far greater number of amateurs, away from the traditional concept of fashioning the organization to the convenience of its participants, away from consideration of speed of handling individual messages. The new NTS was an ideal and proposed to recruit amateurs who would subscribe to that ideal rather than fashion it to suit the convenience of those now active in traffic handling. It did not state the eventual demise of the trunk lines, but this result was implicit in its provisions. It did aim at providing a nationwide organization embracing the greatest number of amateurs for handling the greatest number of messages with the greatest speed in a disciplined organizational fashion. It was not a strictly-CW proposal, as many at the time alleged. In fact, it specifically stated that it was not devoted to any one mode but to all modes according to their appropriateness and availability of operators capa-

ble of performing liaison between or among them. It did emphasize that there would be only one NTS, a single strong facility, not separate NTS's for each mode. This meant that use of modes other than CW, the dominant one for traffic handling at the time, would require operators also capable of operating CW, the only mode that required special operating skill, thus eliminating phone-only operators unless adequate liaison operators could be provided. It seemed a reasonable requirement to me at the time and still does.

The response to my mailing was interesting. About 64% were in favor, many of them volunteering to serve in leadership capacities. Actually, I was disappointed that the percentage was not higher, because admittedly I had presented the NTS plan in the most favorable possible light, although I did state that the trunk lines would be continued with full ARRL support. About 30% were against it, a few in a highly denunciatory manner. Of the 40 mailings, I received 28 replies, some lengthy, some merely indicating approval or disapproval, some by mail, some by radiogram. The above percentages are strictly from personal memory and may not be entirely accurate, but they are close. I put them all, and a lot of additional and subsequent correspondence, in separate folders and kept them for future reference. Upon my retirement in 1978, I selected those I thought the most significant historically, marked them "Important historical documents, do not destroy!" and left them in one of the file drawers. Years later, when someone expressed interest in the early beginnings of NTS, I searched through the archives and the files of the department that had taken over most of the former CD'S functions but found no trace of them. It appeared that most of the CD files had been unceremoniously dumped after a reorganization of the headquarters which eliminated the CD and divided its functions among new departments - not the only instance of disregard for the past that has occurred in recent years. However, my memory is pretty good for my age (87 at this writing). I recall enthusiastic support from C.W. Wade, W4NNJ and Percy Noble, W1BVR (who served many years as director of the New England Division and vice president of ARRL), also from Vie Gish, W7FIX, who later contributed much editorial support on the west coast and became the first manager of PAN. W1BVR became the first manager of 1RN and W4NNJ the first manager of RNS. The first man-

ager of EAN was Doc Hayes, W2BYF, who was shortly succeeded by George Sleeper, W2CLL, who became a mainstay for many years. The only other original manager I recall from my dimming memory is WOHMM of CAN, but his name doesn't surface. Principal opponents were Harry Smith, W9TT, and J. B. Wathen, W4BAZ, who were wedded to Trunk Line J and fiercely loyal to it; also Doc (Somebody) from Alabama, W4GJH, who later switched and became an NTS proponent. Benton White, W4PL, one of the most prominent traffic men of the day, contended that the plan did not affect his Hit & Bounce net and he would neither oppose nor support the NTS plan. This was disappointing, because I felt his support would have brought many others into the fold. My old colleague Ev Battey, W4IA, complimented me on the plan, said he felt it would be a good thing and put ARRL back in the traffic-handling forefront but that he was too busy with his Traffic Hounds Morning Watch to take a leadership role.

I placed the results before my boss, F. E. Handy and said I thought the response was sufficiently favorable to go ahead with it. He reluctantly agreed to a one-year trial period, repeated his insistence that support of the trunk lines be continued, fidgeted and coughed and refused to look me in the eye. Ed Handy was a mass of external nervous symptoms which most people thought ludicrous and some thought worthy only of contempt; but it was all external, none of it hidden or suppressed, none inhibiting his thought processes. I admit I made as much fun of him behind his back as anyone, but I was well aware of the sharpness and superior intelligence underneath. So the initial organizational effort started. I spent many long hours at the office on my own time and on the air from my home station lining up managerial personnel for the various levels of NTS nets. It was a labor of love but it was definitely labor and at times I was roundly criticized by my wife Louise for neglecting household chores and our children, of which we now had two. In the main, however, I think she appreciated my zeal and our marriage remained on a solid basis.

To further complicate matters in that crucial initial period (late '49 and early '50), I was sent on my first club travel tour. I was now, with the departure of Moskey, Hayes and Hill, the No. 2 man in the department and eligible to do my part in maintaining a headquarters presence with affiliated clubs and attendance at ARRL-sponsored hamfests and conventions. This first tour was the longest and most grueling of my 40-year career at headquarters. It lasted 26 days, covering a club meeting every night and three weekend conventions, starting in Akron, Ohio, and ending somewhere in South Carolina. There was very little respite. Travel was about half by train, half by air. I would be met by a delegation from the club at the railroad station or airport, taken to dinner, then to the club meeting where I would be the featured speaker, drinks at a bar afterward, to my hotel at midnight or later. The next morning I would entrain or enplane for my next destination and the process would be repeated. Even

if I arrived early, someone would meet me, take me for a tour of the city or a visit to a plant or other attraction, smother me with hospitality when what I wanted most was a few hours of privacy. I often thought that most of this was by obligation more than by desire. They didn't particularly want to entertain me but felt obliged to. I didn't particularly want to be entertained but felt obliged to accept it and show appreciation. Such are the accepted social mores. On the other hand, some of the entertainment was quite interesting and seemed genuine.

In subsequent years I was to endure many more such periods of travel. At first I found them interesting, enjoyed meeting people face to face with whom I had corresponded or talked to on the air. They were not all dull and boring, but all were exhausting, requiring a great deal more expenditure of energy and application of much more pressure than was required of me in my office. The training aids function was turned over to someone else, I've forgotten whom, but the groundwork and procedures had been laid out by me and it now required only someone to handle shipping details and correspondence concerning schedules of use. For the time being such things as lesson plans and courses of study were held in abeyance. My new title was National Emergency Coordinator. I never really liked the title, it sounded too pretentious, but Mr. Handy insisted it be retained, a mandate of the Board of Directors, which Handy feared greatly - possibly with good reason, for the Board seemed very critical of and concerned with CD affairs. In all my 40 years of employment by ARRL I can't remember any other department of the headquarters being investigated by a Board ad hoc committee; but the CD was thus investigated four times, two under Handy's regime and two under mine. In none of these investigations was any serious discrepancy uncovered. The biggest problem was Handy's eccentricities, which many directors did not understand and therefore hated; and when I took over in 1967, having been associated with and very friendly with Handy for almost 30 years, they were afraid I would be just like him - which I wasn't. But more on that later.

NTS was activated in October of 1949. It was a very shaky start, mostly because the 11-year sunspot cycle had reached a deep null and propagation conditions were erratic, but also because we were not yet fully staffed in the volunteer field. Some of the leaders who did volunteer and were so appointed were so very eager that they wanted to participate on a daily basis, whereas NTS was designed to get away from that concept that so characterized the trunk lines, and so provide for more participation by those who could not or were not inclined toward daily participation. How to control the "eager beavers"? Section nets, the lowest level at the time, were especially affected by the propagation factor. Nearly all of them operated on 75 or 80 meters, but when the MUF dipped below 3.5 Me. often nearby stations were not audible while stations a thousand miles or more away came in strongly. Propagation variations have always been

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a factor in organized traffic handling. The sunspot null was the worst time to start an entirely new system, and we struggled; but thanks to the devotion and dedication of a few organizers the system survived and thrived. I was a great believer in disciplined organization, and NTS was (is) a prime example of this. Such discipline is hard to attain among volunteers, but it can be done by a proper approach. My approach was not infallible but on the whole seemed to appeal to most of the traffic-handling fraternity. Anyone who tries to accomplish something is going to make enemies, and I made my share, but I also made many loyal friends - by being loyal to them as well as the other way around. We were proud of ourselves and proud of each other in the ultimate accomplishment. We respected our enemies and recruited them rather than opposed them. The trunk lines continued to receive ARRL support, but not encouragement. Trunk Line J, running north and south in the near midwest, was a test case. I offered Harry Smith, W9TT, its manager, the job of 9RN manager. He accepted, with the stipulation that TLJ would still be paramount and 9RN would be subsidiary to it. I neither agreed to nor disagreed with this, hoping he would soon see the advantages of the new system. Like many of the trunk lines, TLJ had become spot-frequency nets operating in a vague coverage area with many participants off the route of the line. Harry insisted on calling it TLJ, never 9RN, often failed to send a liaison station to EAN, purported to cover points outside the region on an irregular basis. We had some bitter correspondence. Harry got the director (Wes Marriner, W9AND) involved, who "ordered" me to comply with Harry's wishes on the matter. I told Wes I took my orders from my boss, Ed Handy, and this got Ed involved, with more coughing and twitching. In the end, after Harry and I had each explained our cases to Wes, he sided with me and the matter was dropped. Harry resigned as 9RN manager but continued as TLJ manager until it, like all the trunk lines, eventually dissolved as its participants became part of 9RN or other region or area nets.

Out on the west coast another critical situation arose. At the activation of NTS the principal traffic handlers were participants in the Pioneer Net, an independent which purported to cover the entire west coast, from Seattle to San Diego. This had formerly been Trunk Line F but had become independent after WWII when the TLF members no longer wished to follow the trunk line concept of point-to-point schedules. I tried the same ploy on the PN manager that I was trying with Harry Smith. I offered him the job of PAN manager in NTS, suggesting that PN could take over PAN functions. He (I think his name was Ray but I don't remember his last name or his call) turned me down cold, said PN would continue to operate independently with whatever coverage it could attain. I shortly found an NTS adherent in Vie Gish, W7FIX, who became the first PAN manager and was largely responsible for NTS development on the west coast. Pioneer Net gradually drifted away after Ray became a silent key.

By 1952 two basic changes were made in the NTS plan. First, it was decided that there was not enough activity in the Mountain Time Zone to justify a separate Area Organization. After valiant attempts to create two region nets and an area net, most of the Mountain Time Zone became a part of the Pacific Area. A Twelfth Region Net (TWN), covering Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah had been set up and was successful after a fashion, but a proposed Eleventh Region Net (ERN) never developed. A Mountain Area Net manager was appointed (Hal Reid, WOZJO) and made a valiant attempt to conduct a MAN. Night after night he called MAN but there was only one representative, from TWN, and sometimes not even that. TWN then reported into PAN and the other mountain states (Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada) became part of the Seventh Region (RN7).

The other change was the formation of the Transcontinental Corps (TCC). Very early in the game it was decided that direct participation by representatives of EAN and CAN into PAN was not feasible. When conditions were good it was possible, but during erratic conditions it was spotty at best. The TCC was originally the brainchild of Ed Banks, W6ELQ, but implemented primarily by myself and Harry Engwicht, W6HC, who later became the Pacific Division director of ARRL and one of my closest friends. Ed Banks rejected my implementation of the TCC and refused to become a part of it. The TCC was a corps of the better CW operators who took on the responsibilities of liaison among the three area nets, usually by out-of-net schedules, at first exclusively by CW on frequencies best suited for the task. Later some of them were accomplished by RTTY and satellite.

The details of NTS organization and operation are much too intricate to pursue here, but I do want to emphasize again that NTS was not all CW and never was, but the CW operators were the ones who carried the brunt and still do at the higher levels (region and above, including the TCC). As time went on other modes were tried, with partial success, but CW always proved to be the most reliable, given operators who could handle it at practical speeds. At local levels (section and below) phone operation was common and even paramount and repeaters were widely used. The NTS is probably the best organized operating facility ever sponsored by ARRL. It is still in operation and flourishing today (2001), despite the inroads of higher and more complicated technology, both amateur and professional. With the decline of CW proficiency, however, as the older, more highly skilled CW operators die out, its days are probably numbered. The name may be retained, but within the next few years its shape will probably little resemble the system as it was started in 1949. ■

**In the next installment, George tells about the RACES program.**



**Paul Wolf (R), W6RLP, Chapter 169 President, presents 50-year Service Award to John Minke (L), N6JM.**

WA2ZZZ, is another new chapter member. Carl Schmauder, K7EWG, has moved to McMinnville, Oregon and continues to attend our meetings here on the Oregon Coast. Once your feet have webs between the toes, it's not easy to stay off the beach. Jim DeVries, W7UG, managed to fly off a scaffold while out of town on a church building project. He was back this month, and in full recovery mode. Our Chapter President's wife, Millie Pilote, W7MIP, recently had open-heart surgery but was able to attend our latest meeting. Her husband, Armand, W7IG, was presiding despite some of his own health setbacks over the past year.

**A TRIBUTE TO MY ELMER, VERNE TESKE, W9RYA.** I notice that Chapter 55 announced the retirement of Verne Teske, W9RYA. Verne is the "Elmer" that everyone would wish for in their early years. My own started with him at age 13 in Antigo, Wisconsin, way back in 1947. His foot firmly planted in the proper place on numerous occasions put me on solid ground for a lifetime of ham radio, along with a very successful 46-year career at the telephone company taking care of microwave radio and network transmission. Thank you Verne. My gratitude started with the first day I found your radio shop and continues right up to this moment.

The Oregon Coast Chapter meets every two months for a luncheon at the Surfrider Resort north of Depoe Bay, Oregon on Highway 101. This is usually on one of the last Saturday's of the month at 1 p.m. These luncheons are fun and informal with an outstanding window view out over the Pacific Ocean. We order off the regular menu with individual checks. Contact W7LI@arrl.net for information and the next meeting date.

**Carl Somdahl, W7LI, Secretary/Treasurer**

### **Chapter 177, Floyd Henderson (CA)**

Our Annual holiday dinner was held at Bakers Square Restaurant in Riverside on December 8. A fine time was had by the 25 members and guests in attendance. Golden Certificates were awarded to members who have been licensed for half-century or more: WA6TLL, WA6UDR, 65 yrs or more; K6JAD, K6GMF, K6GCV, 50 yrs or more. Vice President Chuck Allessi, W6IEG, presented a 65-Year Golden Certificate to Arlo Myers, WA6UDR, Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **January Meeting, Chapter 177**

Our January meeting featured a presentation by President Jim Henderson, K6JAD, to charter member Dorothy Anderson, K5JWU, for her long-time support of the chapter. She was recognized as "The Cookie Queen of QCWA" with a corsage and a light-hearted plaque which read, "For well over a decade the honoree has created a continuous stream of cookies and other delicious treats - all dispensed at regular chapter meetings with the only member contribution being to 'feed the kitty'. Her unabated flow of low-calorie, low-fat and low-cholesterol treats has allowed Chapter 177 Members to remain a group of slim, trim Amateur Radio Operators. The accumulated weight loss has



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**Jim Henderson, K6JAD, and Dorothy Anderson, K5JWU.**

even led the officers to seriously consider applying for a two-digit chapter number. Presented with great affection by the membership on the 26th day of January, 2005." The evening's program was a video of the 1994 Peter 1st DX-Pedition.

In Jan 2004 Leo Meyerson- W0GFQ and friends from QCWA Chapter 154 came to visit my radio collection in Riverside. The photo shows Leo pointing to one of several Globe Chiefs manufactured by Leo's company.

Leo was surprised I did not have a Globe King in my collection. He explained that he might have one that I could have but it was in Omaha, Ne. his summer home. I would have to wait until he returned to Omaha to be sure it was still in storage and did not know what model it was. Early in April I received word from Leo that the Globe King was there and waiting shipment to the west coast, to be patient after the summer and Leo returning to the Palm Springs Area. On January 14, 05 Leo presented the Globe King 400C to my collection which I'm very appreciative of. The Globe King 400C was sold new in Dec. 1953 from Leo at World Radio Laboratories, Council Bluffs, Iowa; then donated to Leo's Western Heritage Museum.

Chapter 177 meetings are held at Community Care and Rehab in Riverside, CA at 7:30PM on the last Wednesday of each month.

**Jim Henderson, K6JAD, President**

#### **Chapter 183, Pioneer (MA)**

On January 15, 2005 Chapter #183 held the winter meeting at CJ's restaurant in Palmer, MA. Those attending included Norm, W1BMK; Betty, KB1CPZ; Chuck, K1IGD, and his wife Jan; Larry, K1ILZ; Pat



**Chuck Allessi, W6IEG, VP; & Arlo Myers, WA6UDR, Sec/Treas.**



**Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ.**

N1CET; Don, W1UPH; John, N1JIO; Dick, W1TXS; Harold, W1EES; Cliff, W1UWX, and his wife, Mary Jo; Dick, W1QWJ; Norm, N1PF; guests Irv, W6IS, and his wife Marilyn; Ron, N1DGJ; Linda, N1DOO; and Al, N1CQT.

After a delicious lunch Norm, W1BMK, called the meeting to order. He noted the new slate of officers is now installed. Norm asked for a moment of silence in memory of Belle, friend of Tom, K1JHC, who has attended many of our meetings. The Secretary's minutes of the October meeting and the December Board meeting were approved as written in the Pioneer. The Treasurer's report was also accepted.

Larry, K1ILZ, reported on the organization of club

history. He noted Charlie, W1II, had many pictures and other items from the early days of the club. Dick, W1QWJ, volunteered to contact Charlie to see if he still has any items that he would be willing to pass on to the club. Larry is compiling a list of back issues of club newsletters and will be looking for those he doesn't have. Larry noted he has a lot of information passed on to him pertaining to the organization of the club. He would like help to lay out the information and compile any other items that might be contributed to form a history of the club. Also, Larry is looking for back issues of the club newsletters.

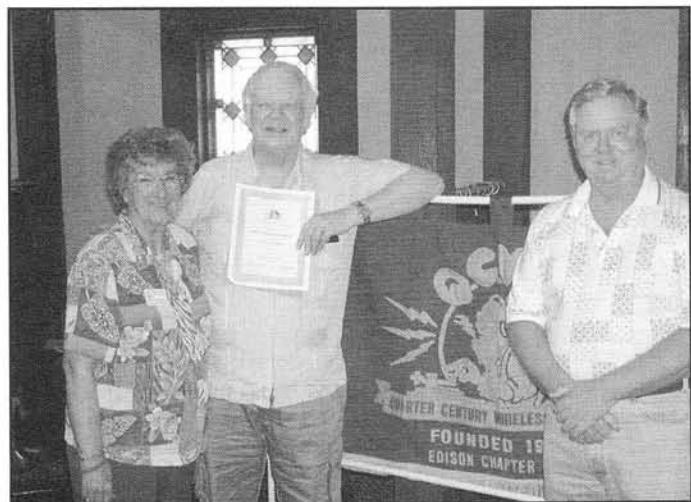
Chuck reported things are going well at the QCWA headquarters. Jan reported both renewals and new membership to the National are strong. They will be having a booth at several conventions to encourage membership. A letter acknowledging Chapter 183's contribution to the National in memory of George, W1ALL, was read.

Following the business meeting club member Larry, K1ILZ, gave a talk on clock history, clock collecting and clock repair. The first clock documented was made by a monk in the thirteenth century. American clocks started in the sixteenth century with cases made here and movements made in England. Wooden gear movements were made here in the last part of the sixteenth and early seventeenth century. When America started producing brass, clock makers went to brass movements. Larry also told about collecting, and the care of antique clocks.

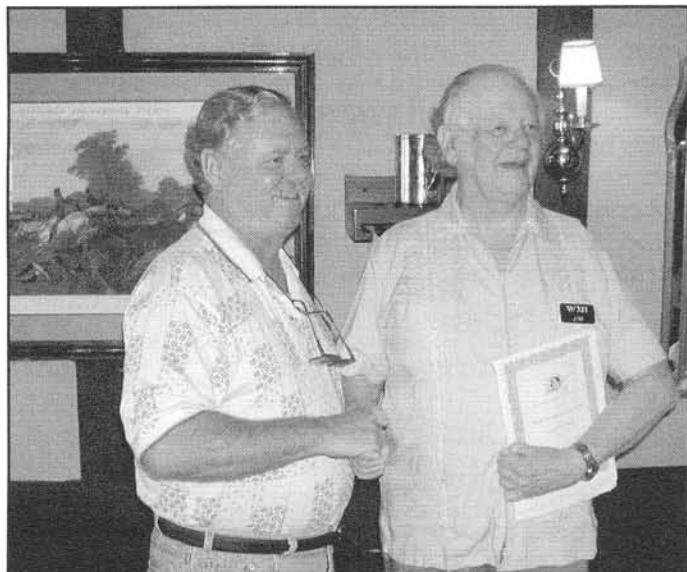
**Pat, N1CET, Secretary**

#### **Chapter 196, Edison (FL)**

The snowbirds have returned. Gene Bradfield, KOTIW, and wife Katie, KB0DKD, just returned home from a cruise to South America and the Antarctic.



Left is chapter secretary WA2YL, center is W3JI, right is K3QC.



On the left is K3QC, and pictured right is W3JI.



Left to right, Gene Bradfield, KOTIW, and Katie Bradfield, KB0DKD, with a souvenir from their cruise to South America and Antarctica.

Talk about snowbirds, Gene and Katie got to see icebergs, snow covered mountains and thousands of native sea lions, seals, penguins and cormorants. At our last luncheon the Bradfields shared dozens of fabulous photos of the areas that the avid dx'er only dreams about. Even though Gene and Katie did not operate ham radio from the ship they sure saw a vast array of vertical antennas on board. Their experience can only encourage other hams to join the QCWA cruise this summer where there will be stations set up to get on the air from Alaska.

Chapter Secretary Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL, and I had the pleasure of honoring Jim Hall, W3JI, with a 65-year certificate of amateur radio service from

headquarters. Jim has been a cornerstone of excellence in our local ham community for years. Jim is very active and he is the control operator of the "Rooster Roster" in Fort Myers.

We have had a visit from QCWA President John Johnston, W3BE, and xyl Betty, N3PKX, recently. John spoke to our group and also brought in a handcrafted photo stand that depicted scenes of the last convention and our National Directors hard at work.

**Tad Burik, K3QC, President**

### **Chapter 205, Eastern Indiana (IN)**

We have not had a report appear in the Journal for some time, so as we begin a new year of activities it seemed appropriate to summarize the past year's activities.

During the past year, two of our members received their 50-year certificates: Horace "Smitty" Smith, W9PPD, and Ron Stier, W9ICZ. Ron, who is the local EC, completed the process of linking local hospitals with amateur radio equipment for emergency communications, and was elected president of the local radio club for the current year. Mike Chambers, W1IDX, who has provided the community with repeaters operating on 144, 220 and 440 MHz, including a cross-band link between the 144 and 220 machines, has now acquired the 2M repeater formerly owned and operated by the local radio club and added it to his system, freeing the White Water Valley Amateur Radio Club from the expense and maintenance concerns connected with its operation. Mike was elected Vice-President of WWVARC for the current year, and is Vice-President of Chapter 205. Don Cook, K9GT, was reelected as treasurer of WWVARC, so Chapter 205 continues to provide significant service to the local amateur radio club.

Monthly meetings continue to be held at the VFW, 213 South 8th Street, in Richmond at 8am EST on Saturday following the second Tuesday of the month. Anyone passing through our area on US40 or I70 is cordially invited to join us. The food is good and the company cannot be beat. Our chapter does not have many members, but we expect that to change as more of the local amateurs reach the requisite quarter-century mark.

**John F. Strain, W9MIU, Secretary**

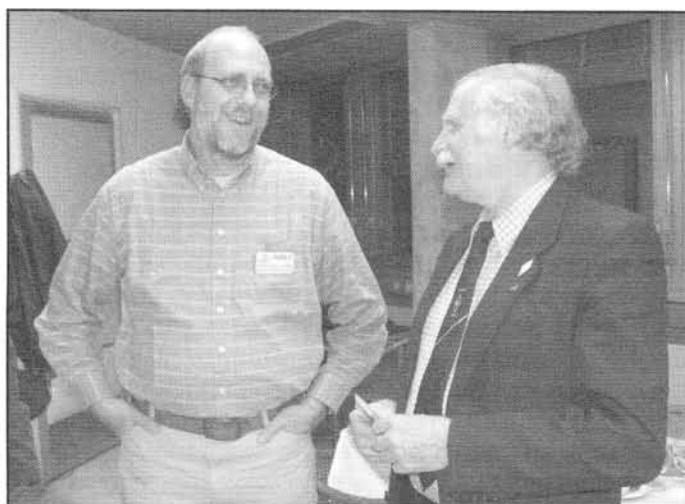
### **Chapter 209, Helvetia, Switzerland**

We had three main activities during the year 2004.

First HB9RK invited us at his home QTH. Henri is one of the former USKA (Swiss Union of Short Wave Amateurs) Presidents. We were very pleased to meet him at his home and listening about his expe-



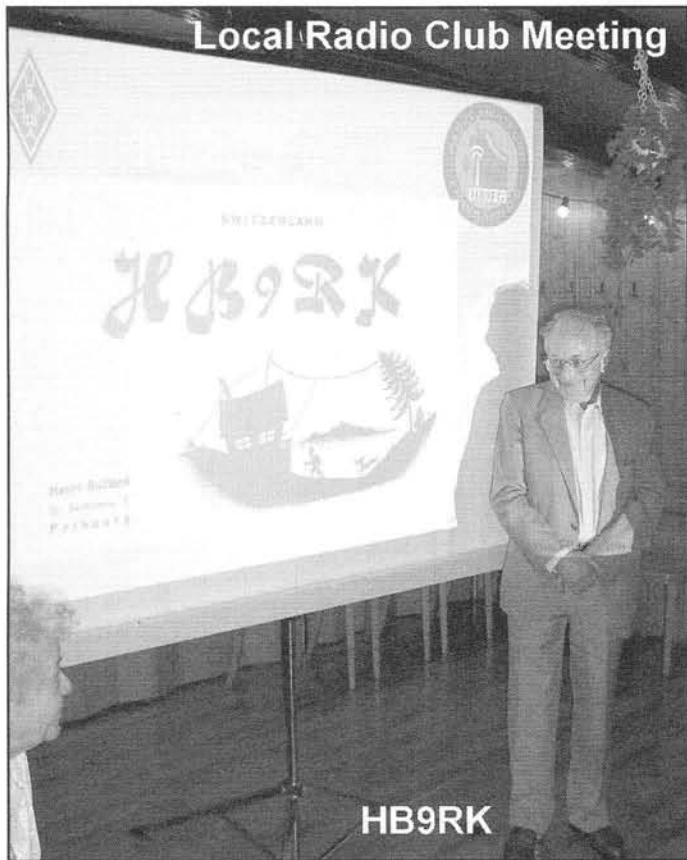
From left to right: HB9BQP, HB9AQN, HB9ACA, HB9TV, HB9RS, XYL: HB9RK, HB9RK.



HB9BOU, Herbert Aeby, Secretary, QCWA 209 and QSL manager of 4U1UN DF5UG, Han Ehlers, IARU Region 1.



(Left to right) HB9BOU, Herbert Aeby, Secretary QCWA 209; HB9ACA, Manfred Oberhofer, President QCWA 209; HB9RKG, Philippe Capitaine, President International Amateur Radio Club 4UHTU; HB9RS, Max de Henseler, Fouader QCWA 209; HB9IAJ, Attila Matas, Traffic Manager 4UHTU.



*Henri, HB9RK one of the former USKA Presidents (Swiss Union of Short Wave Amateurs) invited us to his home to hear about his experiences while holding that position.*

rience as President of the Swiss radio amateurs.

This led us to our next activity. We thought that it is a pity that all this knowledge and experience is going to be forgotten. We convinced Henri to do the same as he did with us, but telling it to a bigger audience. The bigger audience shall be the local amateur radio club of the USKA in Fribourg.

Fribourg is the city where Henri lives. Once we convinced Henry to do it, we arranged the meeting with the local radio club. This meeting was a plain success. Henri's stories opened the way to long discussions with all the young hams who didn't know anything about ham radio some 50 years ago. One is sure, we have to do it again.

Then the Helvetic Chapter took the charge of the 4U1UN QSL Management.

During the annual meeting we reviewed the year 2004 and decided what to do in new year.

**Herbert Aeby, HB9BOU**



### Chapter 213 Fresno (CA)

The Fresno Chapter 213 meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at Carrows Restaurant, 4280 N. Blackstone Ave. in Fresno CA. All QCWA members are invited

to attend. We are looking forward to growth in 2005.

We awarded Gold Certificates to the following members:

- Lloyd Burns, W6SRU, 50, 55 and 60 years
- Jerry Chandler, K6PKO, 50 years
- Richard Shideler, AL6R, 50 years
- Bill Woody, W6GM, 50 years
- Tom Kipps, KA6Z, 65 years
- Steve Weber, W6QON, 65 years
- Ed Cutler, KC6LPL, 70 years
- Ralph Saroyan, W6JPU, 70 years

QCWA Century Club Certificates have been awarded to:

- Tom Kipps, KA6Z
- Steve Weber, W6QON

Chapter members manned a QCWA table at the San Joaquin Valley Section Convention/ Fresno Hamfest in May 2004.

The chapter has the call sign WQ6CWA that will be used in the QSO parties, and the commemorative call W6GV will also be used. Both calls were used in the 2004 Fall QSO party and in the Spring 2005 QSO Party.

Chapter Officers for 2005 are President Mike Bavoso, W6YDE; Vice President Pat Fennacy, W6YEP; Secretary/Treasurer Charles McConnell, W6DPD; and Directors Bob Bondurant, W6RUJ, and Perry Foster, K6XJ.

Through the generosity of the family of our good member Hal Torosian, K6OGX, (SK) the chapter has obtained Hal's repeater on 146.25/85 MHZ with PL of 141.3 HZ and 443.250 MHZ with a PL of 107.2 HZ. The repeater call sign is WQ6CWA/R. The club net is held on the 2m repeater the Monday at 7:30 PM local time before the Tuesday meeting. The alternate repeater is WB6QDN/R on 146.01/61 with no PL.

We are hoping to obtain the QCWA Banner sometime in 2005.

**Charles McConnell, W6DPD, Secretary/Treasurer**

# Silent Keys Silent Keys Silent Keys Silent Keys

With great sadness we record the passing of these members

NAME	CALL	MEM. #	L	SK	CITY	ST/PR
ACHESON, RON	KF8AD	21052		2005	HARLINGEN	TX
ADAMS, J M	W5RJK	24256		2005	LANARK VILLAGE	FL
AHLBERG, RUSSELL E	KI6KJ	23854	L	2005	ROCKLIN	CA
AHOLA, SYLVESTER	W1PU	1724		2005	CLoucester	MA
ALDREDGE, GEORGE N JR	KF5KB	14624		2005	DALLAS	TX
ANDERSON, CHARLES F	W1ACB	17641		2005	QUINCY	MA
APFEL, GEORGE J	W2GHV	7894		2005	PORT SAINT LUCIE	FL
ARBER, KEVIN	W3DAD	26035		2005	SAVAGE	MD
ASOR, AUGUST J	W1JAK	18020	L	2005	HAMDEN	CT
ASPINWALL, RICHARD E	W7PV	2182	L	2005	SEATTLE	WA
ATKINSON, JOHN FRANK	K4CB	12262		2005	BEVERLY HILLS	FL
BAHR, FOREST L	K4SEE	16987		2005	MIAMI	FL
BATES, LYLE E	W8BOK	4910		2005	FAIRMONT	WV
BEES, ERNEST R	W8WNK	7146		2005	BURTON	MI
BELL, HAROLD J	WA8LAY	22006		2005	LANSING	MI
BENDER, JOHN H	W6ABT	6559		2005	LA MESA	CA
BUCK, JAMES G	K2QOE	29518		2005	COLUMBUS	NJ
BULAU, DONALD A	WA7JEI	25763		2005	TUCSON	AZ
BURCH, DONNA J	W8QOY	13376		2005	CLARKSVILLE	MI
CARSON, E L	K7LCR	19795	L	2005	EUGENE	OR
CASEY, KENNETH M	KL7GCH	7043	L	2005	SPOKANE VALLEY	WA
CASTENHOLZ, F E	W8CJ	5527		2005	NORTH MUSKEGON	MI
CHAPMAN, WILLIAM	W8TJQ	15813	L	2005	EAST LANSING	MI
COHEN, EDWIN B	WB2SFX	28454		2005	BORDENTOWN	NJ
COLLETTE, H D	KY4J	15172		2005	CRESCENT CITY	FL
CONCANNON, C. F.	K4RQ	27022	L	2005	FORT BELVOIR	VA
COOK, LEW	W0FWW	24623		2005	LINCOLN	NE
COOK, RAYMOND K	W1BXH	2426		2005	CAPE ELIZABETH	ME
CRAYCRAFT, DAVID CLYDE	W8TWB	24723		2005	WAYCROSS	GA
CREIGHTON, ALLEN M	W7REJ	28709		2005	DEWEY	AZ
CROCKETT, HAROLD RAYM'D	W7PJY	11048		2005	PASCO	WA
CUEVAS, FRANK J JR	W6AOA	8518		2005	HAWTHORNE	CA
DAMREN, LEIGH A	WB1EAE	31239	L	2005	CLAREMONT	NH
DASER, FERDINAND	DL3MCF	16886		2005	D-8137 BERG 3	
DREMER, JOSEPH	W7FXX	4694	L	2005	SALEM	OR
EBERHART, J E JR	KD7KY	7868	L	2005	DUNEDIN NORTH	
EDWARDS, LEWIS M	W0BRW	22861		2005	CENTENNIAL	CO
ELKINS, BILL	W5ALS	17961		2005	DALLAS	TX
FERGUSON, FRED H	W6GED	9335	L	2005	GRANADA HILLS	CA
FISCHER, FRED W	W9DW	4509		2005	FT WAYNE	IN
FORD, MARION H	KOYWT	18610		2005	HESSTON	KS
FRIED, STEVE M	K2PTS	16091	L	2005	SCHAUMBURG	IL
GARDNER, KENNETH J	W2BGN	7433		2005	NEW HARTFORD	NY
GERBER, VINCENT JOSEPH	KG2OW	29829		2005	CONESUS	NY
GRAFF, ARTHUR A	W2WEX	14119		2005	KENMORE	NY
GRIEVE, LINDA F	KBOPHS	30255	L	2005	WICHITA	KS
HALE, THEODORE D	W1FFO	27077		2005	WELLESLEY	MA
HALLAM, WILLIAM A	W8LD	4250		2005	BUCKHANNON	WV
HALLAWAY, A B	W0JD	6169	L	2005	SUN CITY WEST	AZ
HAMLIN, LYDIA G	WA1JZP	26317		2005	FARMINGTON	ME
HERSHOWITZ, IRVIN	W3HQG	6253	L	2005	ARLINGTON	VA
HILL, ROY O JR	W4PID	17092		2005	KINGSPORT	TN
HINKELMAN, TERRY L	N8JKR	22335		2005	TWIN LAKE	MI
HOCHMAN, HARRY F	K2IQN	31231		2005	WHITEHOUSE STATION	NJ
HUBBARD, WILLIAM E	W5HXR	8166	L	2005	FOREST PARK	OK
HUNT, LES	K4AN	11004		2005	WOODBRIDGE	VA
ICHIKAWA, THOMAS	W7GUN	21625		2005	OWEGO	NY
JAMES, W H	W6DQ	4283		2005	PACIFIC PALISADES	CA
JAMISON, FRANK L III	W5YSN	31206		2005	BATON ROUGE	LA
JECK, GEORGE JR	W2IOE	3904		2005	ORLANDO	FL
JORDAN, FRANCOIS	W6OMM	6218		2005	RANCHO SANTA FE	CA
JUGE, ED	W5EJ	21020	L	2005	RUIDOSO	NM
KALAKOWSKY, C F	N6FVJ	3215		2005	LANCASTER	CA
KASSENBROCK, HEINZ	DL1PR	23143		2005	KOENIGSLUTTER	
KEMP, HAROLD A	W3EEI	3628	L	2005	BALTIMORE	MD
KENNEDY, D D	N4SU	8469	L	2005	KING	NC
KERSTEN, PAUL M	W0WIT	17480		2005	NOKOMIS	FL
KING, WALTER L	W7ETK	1156		2005	PHOENIX	AZ
KIRK, WILLIAM H	W6RQQ	27366		2005	SAN DIEGO	CA

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KLEPPIN, ELMER F	W9DBO	2893	L	2005	LA SALLE	IL
KUBIAS, FREDRIC F	W7BAC	1833		2005	SAN DIEGO	CA
LAFFERTY, BUD W	W0UBT	12929	L	2005	COON RAPIDS	MN
LEAVEN, DAVID J	W16J	29082		2005	RIVERSIDE	CA
LUNDBERG, GEORGE W JR	W9OUW	11986		2005	LAKE ZURICH	IL
MACKAY, WILLIAM T SR	K8BOL	20529		2005	COVINGTON	KY
MAHER, THOMAS J, SR	WV8TM	32596		2005	WEIRTON, "	WV
MARK, K H	NB8S	32809		2005	FARMINGTON HILLS	MI
MC CARTY, ROGER A	KD6CC	27422		2005	RIVERSIDE	CA
MCCOY, J HARVEY	W2IYX	8640		2005	HUNTINGTON	NY
MEDLER, ROWLAND	W4ANN	8380		2005	GAINESVILLE	FL
MEFFERT, HERMANN	DJ2YI	20012	L	2005	SCHWEINFURT	
MIKESELL, RAYMOND E JR	KC7NE	31729		2005	SUMMERVILLE	SC
MILLER, ROBERT T	W6NJ	10753	L	2005	GAINESVILLE	FL
MONATH, EARL F	W3QER	3843		2005	MONROEVILLE	PA
MONTGOMERY, GORDON R	VE3BAZ	9075		2005	PETERBOROUGH	ON
MORITZ, PETER	K4SC	3723	L	2005	SATELLITE BEACH	FL
NAGEL, JOHN K	W7AQE	22937	L	2005	GOLDENDALE	WA
NEAL, JACK K	W8AQ	32398		2005	ROANOKE	VA
NICHOLSON, TAFT	W5ANB	8548	L	2005	DUNEDIN	FL
NIXON, IVOR	VE3IHN	17725	L	2005	KINGSTON	ON
OAKLEY, GENE E	W7JA	26764		2005	RENO	NV
OLSON, JOE D	W5JO	25773		2005	BRANSON	MO
PALMER, GEORGE A	K7EF	23567		2005	WAPATO	WA
PETTY, WILLIAM F	W2HAZ	5270		2005	WEST TRENTON	NJ
POLLOCK, STEPHEN J	W1BGP	7075		2005	STRATFORD	CT
PRESTON, PAUL J	K7ANG	15808		2005	CHEYENNE	WY
QUACKENBUSH, HUGH H	W1NPS	27893		2005	GLEN ROCK	PA
RICHTER, JOERG	DJ9BC	30558	L	2005	ALTHENGSTETT	
ROBERTS, WILLIAM R	W2RIV	11737		2005	JULIUSTOWN	NJ
ROGERS, GEORGE D	W1AVY	501		2005	NEW BEDFORD	MA
ROLAND, FLOYD M	W5JKU	7569	L	2005	ST LOUIS	MO
RUDD, WILBURN S	W9LNU	22506		2005	GRAND HAVEN	MI
RULING, F CHARLES	N6FR	5537		2005	SARATOGA	CA
RURA, ANTHONY S	W2UDA	19531		2005	YARDVILLE	NJ
RUTLEDGE, J E	K5UKN	18147		2005	SAN ANTONIO	TX
SANBORN, HERMAN R	W1LC	8227		2005	WORCESTER	MA
SCHUELER, J J	K7QV	4777	L	2005	SEDONA	AZ
SELLERS, WILLIAM	W3ST	4526		2005	PAOLI	PA
SHEPARD, GEORGE E	W6END	23893		2005	RIVERSIDE	CA
SINKEZ, STEPHEN	W2DOR	13561		2005	TOMS RIVER	NJ
SMITH, LEWIS B	W3EAS	14695		2005	BALTIMORE	MD
SPARK, J R	W4LHP	4711		2005	HAINES CITY	FL
SPAULDING, HAROLD	W6BAF	22638		2005	UPLAND	CA
SPENCER, AL C	W7LH	4561		2005	MESA	AZ
SPOOR, DONALD L	W0QS	9705	L	2005	BELLINGHAM	WA
SPRINGFIELD, BAKER D	W4HYY	16187		2005	MEMPHIS	TN
ST CYR, RAYMOND A	K4HK	1714		2005	FORT LAUDERDALE	FL
STANEK, WILLIAM F	W1BYN	26249		2005	VERNON	CT
STANSFIELD, S J	AG4S	3836	L	2005	TENANTS HARBOR	ME
STARKWEATHER, RODNEY S	W9CMC	2981		2005	VERO BEACH	FL
STEINFELT, PHILIP W JR	K3SRP	23775	L	2005	RED LION	PA
STEWART, BRUCE E	W1PX	7148		2005	CENTERVILLE	MA
STOKES, CHARLES E	W2BKL	12073		2005	BEACH HAVEN	NJ
SULLIVAN, WILLIAM J	W7FC	3098		2005	BOZEMAN	MT
THOMPSON, DARWIN	K6USW	30045		2005	SAN PABLO	CA
TURNER, HARRY ABNER	W9YZE	4186		2005	ALTON	IL
UNDERWOOD, O D	W8BDR	432		2005	GREEN VALLEY	AZ
VAN DYKE, G S JR	W3HK	3662	L	2005	PHILADELPHIA	PA
VAN DYKE, JOHN	W2AA	3483		2005	ROSELAND	FL
VENTRE, JERRY N	AA6EN	21069	L	2005	HENDERSON	NV
VERNON, BRUCE	WC4U	15290	L	2005	LAKELAND	TN
VIGNEAULT, NELSON	W0IMX	16656		2005	HUTCHINSON	KS
WARD, GEORGE II	W8JWX	11646		2005	HUNTINGTON	WV
WARD, RICHARD C	W1EYF	25934		2005	MERIDEN	CT
WHITLEY, B J	W5MBT	24536		2005	HOUSTON	TX
WILBUR, EUGENE H	K4FOJ	8249		2005	LAKE WORTH	FL
WILLIG, JOHN	W8ACE	2334	L	2005	SARASOTA	FL
WINGO, THOMAS D	W4MFR	21724		2005	MOUNT PLEASANT	SC
WOOD, GEORGE J	K8GHX	16525		2005	LANSING	MI
WPPD, T C JR	W4AH	5839		2005	CHARLOTTE	NC
YOUNG, CLARENCE H	W2RFY	6324		2005	RANDOLPH	NY

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